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## Tehran forces on the retreat

# Iraq captures Iranian town

**BAGHDAD, July 15, (Agencies):** Iran reported a new troop withdrawal from northeast Iraq yesterday as Baghdad's forces tightened their grip on the southern front after occupying Dehloran, an Iranian border town.

Iraqi armour swept into Iran after smashing Iranian defensive lines dominating the strategic road linking Baghdad to the southern port of Basra, the Iraqi high command said.

The announcement of the victory at Dehloran on Wednesday came after Baghdad's forces seized 4,000 sq kms (1,540 sq miles) of Iranian territory during a battle to drive Iranian forces out of the Zubaidat area.

### Liberating

An Iraqi general said the Fifth Mechanised Division sped towards Dehloran after liberating Iraqi territory in the Zubaidat battle zone.

A member of the Iraqi high command, Lieutenant-General Nima Faris Hussein, said on Baghdad television Iraqi forces would withdraw across the border within a few days.

He said Iraq had captured 90 tanks and 40 armoured personnel carriers during the assault.

State-run Baghdad Radio broke into regular programming to claim the fall of Haj Omran after a fierce battle between Iraq's 5th Army Corps and Iran's

### Revolutionary Guards

The broadcast, quoted an unnamed military commander as saying: "The defeated evil charlatans escaped toward their territories, beyond the international borders."

Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), said Iranian combatants in Haj Omran withdrew to "new defensive positions" in compliance with the policy to find access to suitable tactics and a better war strategy.

"The evacuation of the region is for a more appropriate deployment of combat forces in other defensive lines," it said.

But Iran today reported its warplanes bombed the Haj Omran area.

IRNA also said Iranian fighter bombers pounded "Iraqi positions" at the Iranian southern border town of Mahran, an apparent reference to areas taken last month by Iraqi-backed Iranian anti-government guerrillas.

### Reverses

On Tuesday, Iran evacuated the Halabja plain south of Haj Omran and was driven out of the Zubaidat border area on the southern front, the latest in a series of battlefield reverses.

The latest pullout means Iran has now given up almost all the Iraqi territory it occupied in the eight-year war.

Iranian military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said on Wednesday the withdrawals

were part of a new strategy of preparing for a prolonged war and showing the world Iran did not want to seize and keep Iraqi territory.

Rafsanjani, speaking on Iranian television, said the new approach was dictated by recent Iraqi advances made possible by all-out support for Baghdad by its foreign backers.

"After studying the new situation, it seemed changes in our defensive lines were necessary," he said.

The Baghdad-based Iranian rebel group People's Mojahedin said the Iranian military had failed to implement Ayatollah Khomeini's June decree calling for the streamlining of the armed forces to improve their efficiency, citing fighting over power-sharing among the ruling clergy.

### Merger

"The regime's leading figures continue to disagree on the matter," the Mojahedin said in a statement.

Rafsanjani favours a merger of the elite Revolutionary Guards, an all-volunteer corps which adheres to Khomeini's unique brand of Islamic fundamentalism, with the conscript armed forces.

Rafsanjani said that while volunteers were useful in the short term, there was no substitute for conscript armies in the long term.

"In the short term there is no choice but to rely on volunteer

forces," he said. "However, they could not be counted upon as the main force... and as a result... in the new strategies the major emphasis is on regular forces."

Rivals President Ali Khamenei and Prime Minister Mir Hussein Musavi fear such a merger would place all power with Rafsanjani.

Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri rejected speculation yesterday that the retreats were a prelude to peace in the eight-year-old conflict.

He told Iranian television: "We are a powerful country of 52 million people. Iraq's population is at most 16 million."

Gulf-based military analysts said the Iranians were suffering from a shortage of qualified staff officers able to maintain the logistics needed to fight an effective war.

Iranian forces used chemical weapons in the continued bombing of Iraqi military targets in the As Sibah region, Iraq's UN delegate said in a letter to the United Nations published today.

Iraqi Ambassador Ismat Kitani said that on July 9 five persons were wounded by "one heavy artillery bomb with mustard gas."

In response to an Iraqi request, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar despatched a UN team to Baghdad last weekend to investigate charges that Iran employed chemical weapons in the nearly eight-year-old war.

Iraq has admitted using such weapons.

## Kuwait will never succumb to aggression: Sheikh Saad

**WASHINGTON, July 15, (Agencies):** HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has emphasised that Kuwait will never succumb to aggression, intimidation or acts of terrorism.

"As did our ancestors, we today stand together to reject aggression and reiterate our willingness to die in defence of Kuwait," Sheikh Saad said in an address during a dinner hosted last night for 600 Kuwaiti students studying in the US.

### Values

He said the dangers and threats Kuwait is facing necessitate that all Kuwaitis close ranks to protect their homeland "and not to allow any intruder or ill-willed person to infiltrate our ranks or undermine our national unity..."

Urging Kuwaiti students to follow the example of their forefathers, the Crown Prince said: "We are a peaceful people who would not seek to inflict evil on anyone. But we also are a people willing to die in defence of

our homeland and freedom. Thus were our forefathers, that's what we are today and what you will be in the future," he added.

Reminding Kuwaiti students of their country's traditions, Sheikh Saad called on them to be the best representatives of the values that Kuwait stands for.

He also warned them against copying alien habits and advised them to preserve their Arab and Islamic belonging and values.

Sheikh Saad appealed to the Senate to lift a ban on the sale of Maverick missiles to his Gulf nation, warning Kuwait might seek other suppliers — possibly Moscow — if spurned in Washington.

### Package

The Senate, by voice vote earlier this week, barred the sale of Maverick surface-to-air missiles to Kuwait as part of a \$1.9 billion arms package that includes 40 F-18 planes.

US and Kuwaiti officials have agreed the sale must be considered a package, and if the Maverick portion is not approved, the F-18 deal would

probably be cancelled by Kuwait in favour of aircraft from another country.

Sheikh Saad said he had asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to reconsider the bar to the sale.

President Reagan, after meeting with the Crown Prince Tuesday, vowed to push the sale forward, saying Kuwait is essential to US policy in the volatile region.

The Israeli government, backed up by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee lobbying group, opposes the sale of Mavericks to Kuwait.

### Invitation

US and Kuwaiti officials said they are exploring ways of getting around the Congressional ban, in the event the Senate does not reconsider.

One possibility would be a lease or buy-back arrangement in which the Maverick missiles would remain under US control, but would be available to Kuwaiti forces if faced by aggression from Iran.

The United States is currently



Sheikh Saad

supplying naval protection to Kuwaiti oil tankers flying American flags and to some other vessels in the Gulf that come under attack in the escalations that have become a battleground in the Iran-Iraq war.

On Wednesday night, Sheikh Saad met the members of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee at the invitation of the chairman of the committee Senator Clairborne Pell.

During the one-hour closed session, Sheikh Saad responded to senators' questions concerning the situation in the Arabian Gulf region, the Iran-Iraq war, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Palestinian uprising, and

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Bush (left) and Velayati delivering their speeches to the Security Council. (Reuters wirephotos)

## US, Iran square off at UN over Airbus downing

**UNITED NATIONS, July 15, (Agencies):** Iran blamed American incompetence and aggression yesterday for the downing of one of its airliners but the charge was rejected by US Vice-President George Bush who said Iran was responsible.

Iran also called on the Security Council to condemn the US for what it termed a criminal act.

Eleven days after the airliner was brought down by a missile from a US warship killing all 290 people aboard, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Bush gave their versions of the July 3 tragedy, to a tense meeting of the Security Council.

Bush said that while many of the circumstances of the case were unclear and were being investigated, it was clear that the cruiser Vincennes, acted in self-defence.

### Shipping

"This tragic accident occurred against a backdrop of repeated, unjustified, unprovoked and unlawful attacks against US merchant shipping and armed forces," Bush said.

He pledged the United States would keep the Gulf open to shipping, whatever the threat. In a 90-minute statement, delivered in Farsi and in even tones, Velayati rejected the American account that the

episode was an accident resulting from mistaking the Airbus for a hostile fighter.

He said that, according to military authorities, an F-14 fighter — which the Vincennes' skipper feared confronted his ship — could not have presented any serious danger to the cruiser or any surface target.

Velayati said F-14s, as should be vividly known to the Americans who made them, were designed for air-to-air attack and not air-to-surface operations.

### Information

Bush, also speaking without passion despite Velayati's strong criticisms of the American action, renewed the United States demands for Iran's compliance with the council's unanimous resolution demanding a ceasefire in the Gulf war with Iraq.

Resolution 598 was adopted on July 20, 1987 and was accepted by Iraq on condition that Iran did likewise. Repeated UN efforts to bring about Iranian compliance have failed.

Making an unprecedented appearance by a US vice-president in the Security Council, Bush stressed the council's year-old effort to bring about a Gulf ceasefire.

United Nations officials said they could not recall any

previous time when an American vice-president had addressed the UN Security Council.

The debate produced little information that had not come out of statements by Iranian and American officials and analyses of the tragedy since the Airbus was destroyed.

But there was an element of drama in Velayati's recitation of the transcript of conversations between his crew and airport flight controllers before it was hit by the Vincennes' missiles.

The minister said the pilot repeatedly used the appropriate civilian code Squawk 6760.

He said it was easily verifiable that the Vincennes had well over 14 minutes, and not the four minutes claimed by American officials, of prior knowledge that it was a civilian airliner on a scheduled flight from Bandar Abbas to Dubai.

"One question that needs to be seriously examined is whether the captain of the USS Vincennes actually warned its target that it intended to shoot, or whether the ship took any other measure to make its intentions clear of its target," Velayati said.

"Or whether, as the case suggests, it simply decided to shoot on a target which was admittedly unidentified at the very least."

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## F-18 deal inseparable: Osaimi

**WASHINGTON, July 15, (KUNA):** A ranking Kuwaiti official has stressed that the highly-disputed \$1.9 billion arms deal is inseparable, indicating that the Kuwaiti government will decide whether to go on with the deal if the Mavericks are excluded from it by the Congress.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi, in an interview with Voice of America, said that he does not know whether Washington and Kuwait can work something out, "but what I know is that the F-18s and the (Maverick) missiles go hand-in-hand."

### Deals

Replying to a question on whether the recent arms deals with the Soviet Union and a possible one with the UK should serve as a warning to American legislators that there are other sources for arms, the Kuwaiti minister affirmed that his country has different sources for weapons, regardless of positions of these countries, noting, "diversification of sources of arms has been a fixed policy of the Kuwaiti government for a long time."

## 'Cut spending, keep generals in check'

**KARACHI, July 15, (Reuters):** Pakistan's defence spending should be cut and the armed forces reorganised to keep the generals in check, an opposition leader said today.

"The spendings on defence are an unbearable burden on the national resources and badly affect the development plans to better the lot of the people," Sardar Sherbaz Khan Mazari, head of the National Democratic Party, told a news conference.

Pakistan has had three martial law governments since independence in 1947, but Mazari said defence cuts would curb the tendency of generals to meddle in politics.

Defence spending is not officially disclosed, but economists estimate costs will rise 6.7 per cent in 1988/89 from about \$2.5 billion in 1987/88.

Mazari, releasing his party's election manifesto for polls due by Aug 27, said a national volunteer force should be raised instead to defend the nation's borders.

## Reagan meets UN chief

**WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP):** President Reagan and United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar met today to discuss the world organisation's finances.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said in comments following the two leaders' meeting that "the President will make our points that we need to hold down UN spending at a time when the US budget is under pressure," Fitzwater said.

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Maximum humidity expected:  
Kuwait: 20 per cent  
Ahmedi: 25 per cent  
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## Woman abandons baby on plane

**REDWOOD CITY, California, July 15, (UPI):** A mother who gave birth in a jetliner washroom and then abandoned the infant — which survived — in trash beneath the sink, pleaded innocent Thursday to felony child endangerment charges.

The eight-month, nine-ounce girl survived the five-hour cross-country flight and was christened Elizabeth by the staff of the hospital near the airport, where she was taken after the jetliner touched down.

Christina Marie Locasto, 24, of New York City, surrendered to California authorities Thursday and was ordered held on \$30,000 bail by superior court judge Jack Massey and to appear in court Aug 9 for further proceedings.

### Infant

Locasto gave birth Wednesday in the lavatory of a United Airlines DC-10 before it left Newark, New Jersey and then flew on to San Francisco International Airport without telling her husband or authorities of the infant she had thrown in the trash, San Mateo county sheriff's detectives said.

She left the plane in San Francisco with her husband Louis, 26, and her two other children, three-year-old Janine and an 18-month-old toddler. She left her newborn daughter aboard the aircraft, wrapped in bloody paper towels inside a small cabinet under the washroom sink, Lt. Mike Dow of the sheriff's said.

### Cries

A cabin cleaner, hearing the tiny wail's faint cries, found her an hour later while getting the aircraft ready for a flight to Chicago. The plane was taken out of service.

Prosecutor Steve Wagstaff said Louis Locasto, the woman's husband, would not be charged because "the evidence does not establish that the father had knowledge of the child's birth."

Several investigators said they were convinced Louis did not even know about the pregnancy.

## Kuwait-bound ship attacked near Farsi

**MANAMA, July 15, (AP):** A Liberian tanker was attacked by Iranian gunboats today after it strayed to within five miles (eight kilometres) of Iran's military stronghold at Farsi island, but escaped with minor damages as an American warship raced to its aid.

The tanker, the 85,989-tonne Sea Victory, could not have depended on US assistance so close to the island, US officials said, because the Navy's "rules of engagement" allow intervention only in international waters. The United States recognizes a 12-nautical-mile limit around Farsi.

### Wounding

The ship's Greek captain reported by radio that the raiders attacked the Sea Victory reportedly bound for Kuwait, three times, causing "lots of holes," starting a small fire and slightly wounding the first mate.

But by the time the missile frigate Robert G. Bradley reached the vessel in international waters, "no assistance was required," said a US Navy spokesman in the Gulf.

The attack was the second in four days near Farsi, an island some 60 miles (95km) off the Saudi Arabian coast, and long

used by Iranian forces as a base for attacks on commercial shipping in the northern Gulf by Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guards.

Attacks there have surged recently after several months of quiet. Shipping executives said the latest raids apparently were in reprisal for two Iraqi air raids on Iranian tankers last week.

The latest incident occurred as the Sea Victory, a bulk carrier was attacked by speedboats about five miles (eight kilometres) west of Farsi and issued a "Mayday" distress call.

The Robert G. Bradley, on patrol some 25 miles (40km) away, answered and headed toward the ship's reported location. By the time the vessels met less than an hour later, the fire on Sea Victory had been extinguished and the ship was in no danger, the spokesman said.

"She went within five miles of Farsi and they came out to get her. She turned tail and ran straight out," he said. "They (the Iranians) went back home and left her alone."

"There was no involvement of US forces with the gunboats and no US helicopters entered territorial waters. We do not violate territorial waters of any country," the spokesman added.

## Israel admits it cannot control Palestinian will

**TEL AVIV, July 15, (Agencies):** Israel's Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said the Army was unable to control the will of Palestinians and that a revolt in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip could go on for years.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel could not afford to pay the cost of controlling the seven-month revolt, much less complete existing arms buying programmes.

### Objective

Speaking after a tour of Beit Sahour village in the West Bank, which has been under curfew for six days since residents turned in their identity cards in a protest against taxes, Shomron said on Wednesday: "I cannot say we are controlling the (Palestinian) will, their aspirations. These are things that exist."

"We are conducting a struggle

between us and the Palestinian population," he said. "This struggle has gone on for years, and will continue for years. The real question is, at what level of violence will this struggle be conducted?"

He added: "Our real objective... is to lower the level of violence."

A senior Israeli Army commander said last week that the revolt in the occupied territories could last for years and told reporters: "We have to prepare ourselves for the long run."

Rabin, speaking in Parliament, said he doubted the military could fulfill its existing arms-buying programme to meet what he called the new threat from Arab states acquiring advanced weapons.

Two Palestinians died of gunshot wounds inflicted by Israeli troops, security sources said. Amjad Hawaja, 17, died in Al Mokassid Hospital in East Jerusalem on Wednesday night after suffering critical gunshot wounds in the chest during anti-Israeli protests in Nablus on Sunday night.

### Killed

Samir A Sayeh, 16, died in Al Itihad hospital in Nablus from stomach wounds after being injured by troops on Monday night, the sources said.

Their deaths brought to 231 the number of Palestinians who have been killed during a seven-month revolt in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Four Israelis have died.

News of the two latest deaths sparked fresh demonstrations in Nablus despite a curfew on the city, the largest in the West Bank. One Palestinian was critically

wounded when troops fired tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition to break up the protests, the security sources said.

The overnight revenge raid on the West Bank town of Kalkilya came after a 12-year-old Jewish boy was wounded in the head when a big stone was thrown at his parents' car near Kalkilya on Wednesday night, the sources said.

Israeli troops confined more than 80,000 Palestinians to their homes in the occupied West Bank to halt violent protests over the killings of the teenagers by soldiers.

Israeli authorities closed all schools in the West Bank towns of Kalkilya and Tulkarm until the end of the school year later this month because of rioting by students, security sources said.

A United Nations official reported cash shortages in the occupied Gaza Strip, and said prolonged Arab-imposed curfews and Arab-ordered strikes were to blame.

The UN official, who requested anonymity, also reported some problems with food supplies to Gaza's refugee camps, but said no one was going hungry in the strip, where 650,000 Palestinians live.

Meanwhile, an 18-year-old Arab, Aymen Taha, was wounded in the left leg today during a clash with soldiers in Gaza's Burcij camp, a local reporter said.

In another development, the military administration said school year in the West Bank would end on July 21, with final exams likely starting on Saturday.



## INTERNATIONAL

## Tensions flare in Soviet Armenia

## Strikers shut down airport

MOSCOW, July 15, (Reuters): Strikers infuriated by a Soviet Television portrayal of Armenians as hooligans shut down Yerevan airport today in a fresh challenge to authorities seeking to quell ethnic unrest.

A spokesman for the official Armenpress news agency told Reuters from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, that airport workers had closed the facility in protest against the "one-sided" programme aired last night.

Soviet soldiers interviewed on the programme said they were battered by rocks and bottles when they moved into the airport to end a two-day blockade last week. A youth was shot dead and 36 people were seriously injured in the airport clashes.

**Self-defence**  
"It was a one-sided, false programme aimed at discrediting the republic," the spokesman said. "The airport workers reacted negatively to that programme and in protest went on strike."

No Armenians were interviewed on the programme, which was aired after midnight by state television. One soldier, interview-

ed in his hospital bed, described the July 4-5 airport blockade as "a well-organised provocation."

He and other troops alleged that the action, staged in protest over the Nagorno-Karabakh regional dispute, had been controlled by "hooligans" and the troops acted in self-defence.

At least 36 people have died in ethnic turmoil over Nagorno-Karabakh, the transcaucasian region which this week declared it was seceding from Azerbaijan to join Armenia. Most of its inhabitants are ethnic Armenians.

**Compromise**

In Yerevan, Armenians have supported the region's stand through mass demonstrations and a general strike called on July 4. Some 200,000 people rallied in central Yerevan on Thursday.

"I expect today's demonstration to be even larger because of that programme," the Armenpress spokesman said. He said the city centre was calm in the morning, with many factory employees going to work.

It was not immediately clear whether troops would be sent

back to the airport. Troops were deployed in Yerevan twice last week and then pulled back to the capital's outskirts.

The spokesman said he did not know whether the Armenian delegation to a meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, due to discuss the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis on Monday, had managed to leave for Moscow by plane as scheduled today.

**Events**

He said some speakers at the Thursday rally indicated they would accept a proposed compromise solution under which Nagorno-Karabakh would be transferred to central Soviet control pending its joining Armenia at a later date.

Last week airport workers disagreed over Yerevan's general strike, but demonstrators from the city centre invaded the airport and prevented planes from landing or taking off.

The blockade was ended when troops forcibly evicted the demonstrators. Khachik Zakaryan, 22, was killed by a plastic bullet and 96 people needed medical treatment.

"There would have been no incidents at the airport if the demonstrators had not been provoked," the Armenpress spokesman said. He accused state television of distorting the news.

In the television documentary, called "on events in Yerevan," the cameras panned over a collection of knives, iron bars and chains as soldiers said they were attacked.

"We had orders to clear the airport," a uniformed officer trainee said. "Women were throwing bottles at us. The mood was extremely aggressive."

The troops, one of whom had a bandage round his head, made no mention of their use of plastic bullets.

When told by the commentator of Armenian claims that the troops stormed the airport with just three minutes' warning, they replied that announcements preceded their arrival.

A major read the text of a warning, which he said was broadcast by loudspeakers, describing the airport blockade as an "anti-state, anti-constitutional" action.

## France celebrates Bastille Day

PARIS, July 15, (AP): France on Thursday celebrated the 199th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille, and President Francois Mitterrand announced he was inviting leaders of both rich and poor nations to next year's bicentennial of the French revolution.

Tens of thousands of people, celebrating the national holiday, lined the Champs Elysees to watch the traditional grandiose July 14 military parade.

Planes trailing exhaust in the blue, white and red of the French tricolour swept low over Paris to open the parade of some 6,000 men, 120 aircraft, 500 land vehicles and 300 members of the cavalry.

Mitterrand reviewed the troops at the Arch of Triumph, now draped in tricolour to hide renovation work, then moved down the avenue to the reviewing stand at the Place de la Concorde.

The parade's theme, tradition and technology, was played out as 12 Mirage 3000 NS, designed to carry nuclear missiles, made their first public appearance in a sweep over the Champs Elysees, as foreign legionnaires with white kepis and the republican guard with feathered brass helmets strutted below.

**Guests**

More than 4,000 invited guests attended a garden party at the presidential Elysee Palace, where from a back lawn Mitterrand gave a televised interview, his eighth such July 14 interview since coming to power in 1981.

A massive fireworks display designed to call in the year of the bicentennial was planned last night at the Palais de Chaillot, facing the Eiffel Tower across the Seine River.

The storming of the ancient Bastille prison on July 14, 1789, where just seven prisoners were held, triggered the fall of the monarchy and the proclamation of the republic three years later.

## Dukakis and Jackson likely to reconcile before convention

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): Democratic nominee apparent Michael Dukakis insists he has a good relationship with Jesse Jackson even as his remaining rival asked former President Jimmy Carter help resolved "the creative tensions" between them.

Four days before the Democratic national convention opens in Atlanta, Jackson threatened challenges until the final convention session and remained indignant over the handling of Dukakis' selection of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen as his running mate.

But he also spoke of reconciliation.

"We hope in the next three or four days that matters will be resolved," said Jackson, who was the major parties' only black candidate and Dukakis' closest rival for the nomination.

The Republican nominee-to-be, George Bush, took advantage of his status as Vice President, went to the United Nations to defend US actions surrounding the downing of an Iranian airliner.

Dukakis, the Governor of Massachusetts, was spending the day focusing on state government business. He avoided public questioning on Jackson yesterday, but repeated in a CBS News interview that he had apologized to Jackson for failing to reach him before news spread of Bentsen's selection.

"Jesse and I have had a good relationship over the past couple of months and that's going to continue," Dukakis said.

Jackson insisted he was not simply angered about learning of Bentsen's choice from a reporter's question, although he did

not spell out what his complaints are in detail.

"The issue for my constituency is not about the time of the call," Jackson said. "I simply want the respect and responsibility."

Campaign aides said efforts were under way to arrange a meeting between Dukakis and Jackson in Atlanta on Sunday, the day Dukakis is scheduled to arrive.

Jackson said he had called Carter early last morning to ask him to mediate.

"He has earned respect of all of us," Jackson said of the former President. "As we seek to resolve the creative tensions within our party, we are determined to set and keep a moral tone."

A Dukakis spokesman refused to comment directly on the Carter idea.

## Warsaw Pact leaders focus on new arms cut

WARSAW, July 15, (UPI): Leaders of the seven Warsaw Pact states opened a two-day summit today focusing on new proposals for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for conventional arms cut in Europe.

There was speculation the two-day meeting of the political consultative council — the highest decision-making body of the Warsaw Pact — may also announce a token pullout of Soviet troops from an East bloc country, perhaps Hungary or East Germany.

The Polish Communist Party daily Tribuna Ludu noted the conference is the first since the Moscow summit of Gorbachev and President Reagan "which confirmed the permanence of Soviet-American dialogue and supporting hopes for further disarmament steps."

In a speech to the Sejm on Monday, Gorbachev suggested the convening of a pan-European summit — plus the

leaders of the United States and Canada — to tackle the problem of arms reductions in Europe. He also suggested that the Soviet Union would withdraw its Air Forces from advanced bases in Eastern Europe if the United States would not move a wing of F-16 fighter-bombers from Spain to Italy.

**Proposals**

Comments today in the communist-controlled newspapers and news agencies in Eastern Europe emphasised the two Gorbachev proposals.

"It is a meaningful initiative aiming at building up confidence, strengthening security in Europe and continuation of the disarmament process," East Germany leader Erich Honecker said in an interview for Neues Deutschland before his arrival in the Polish capital.

"Mikhail Gorbachev's proposals aired at the Polish Sejm may be of great importance to European security," Soviet Communist Party Politburo member Vadim Medvedev, in charge of foreign affairs, told a news briefing in the Polish capital on Thursday.

The possible pullout of Soviet troops was prompted by several developments in the last week in East European capitals.

## Dutch prime minister to visit Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 15, (AP): Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers, the first foreign head of government to visit Israel since the Arab uprising began, will relay his government's criticism of Israel's handling of the rebellion, a Dutch official said today.

"The uprising will certainly be an important topic of discussion during the Prime Minister's visit. He will relay the concerns of the Dutch people and listen very carefully to Israeli leaders," Dutch Ambassador Jan Van Roijen said in an interview.

Van Roijen said the three-day visit, which begins Sunday, was initially planned in October to mark Israel's 40th anniversary but Lubbers delayed it for several months because of the unrest. According to UN figures, 222 Palestinians have been killed in the anti-occupation violence since Dec 8. Four Israelis have also been killed.

Lubbers and Israeli officials will also discuss a recent Israeli cabinet decision to compel Jewish emigrants to fly directly to Israel to prevent them from settling in other European countries. The Dutch issue Israeli visas to Soviet emigrants in their capacity as representatives of Israeli interests in Moscow.



Carlos Salinas de Gortari celebrates his triumph in the election with his wife and daughter in his Mexico City home. (Reuters wirephoto)

## American celebrates losing 289 kg in 9 months

HEMPSTEAD, New York, July 15, (AP): Walter Hudson flashed a big smile when he stepped on a scale and found out he weighs 562 pounds (255 kilograms).

Although such a reading would hardly be good news for most weight-conscious people, for Hudson it meant that his Spartan diet has been a huge success. Nine months ago, he weighed at least 1,200 pounds (544 kilograms).

"I feel good," said the 42-year-old Hudson. "I think I'll celebrate by having a glass of water."

Hudson says he eats a homemade powder — consisting of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients — mixed in water.

Twice a week he splurges and indulges in an onion, two garlic cloves and some vinegar.

**Scale**

Last October when Hudson tried to weigh himself in public, the scale fell apart, unable to deal with anything over 1,000 pounds (453 kilograms). On Thursday, Hudson stepped onto a special scale and almost didn't need it.

The Hempstead man came to the world's attention last September when he shipped and fell in his bedroom and was wedged into the doorway. Rescue workers had to saw out the door frame to free him.

Dick Gregory, a comedian turned nutritionist, helped Hudson lose a few hundred pounds (kilograms) on a diet But, when he wanted Hudson to go to his Bahamian clinic, Hudson balked at leaving his house and Gregory discontinued his treatment.

Since then, Hudson has been receiving psychological therapy from Dr Barbara Rosen, who said Hudson is gaining confidence and overcoming phobias.

His goal is to reach 190 pounds (86 kilograms) and he expects to make it in three years or so. "I know I have a lot of work ahead of me," said Hudson. "But I will never go back to the way I was."

Hudson's other goal is to walk outside his home, where he has spent almost every moment of the last 28 years. That hurdle is now scheduled for Sept 8.

"I really want to get out of the house," said Hudson. "That way I can get on with helping other people with similar problems."

## Opposition protests Mexican election

MEXICO CITY, July 15, (AP): About 15,000 people took to the streets in Guadalajara to denounce the July 6 presidential election whose declared winner, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, says his party suffered its biggest loss and must respond to calls for change.

The protest, led by the conservative National Action Party candidate Manuel Clouthier, withstood a downpour on Thursday to hear him accuse the government of manipulating the July 6 election. The rally came after opposition leaders called for nationwide protests to denounce the election.

Clouthier's appearance also was the first in his national tour to gather signatures in what he calls a referendum to decide whether the party should seek to have the election annulled.

**Mandate**

Clouthier, who won in Guadalajara but finished third in results announced on Wednesday by the federal election commission, says he does not know who won but says neither Carlos nor Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, candidate of the left, can claim a credible victory.

Commission results gave Salinas, of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, 50.36 per cent of the vote.

Cardenas followed with 31.12 per cent and Clouthier with 17.07 per cent.

Salinas, receiving congratulatory visits from party-affiliated organisations for a third day on Thursday, said he had been given "a clear mandate for change" and called for unity among all parties and factions.

"The PRI today has the capacity and flexibility to face successfully the call for change," he told state governors and the party's executive committee.

"May no one try to convert political plurality into national division."

"At this time there is no room for divisions growing out of past disputes," he said.

Cardenas, candidate of the leftist National Democratic Front and the Mexican Socialist Party, planned to begin a national tour next week, after a major rally in the huge Zocalo Plaza on Saturday.

He said he would target regions where he considers "fraud was the most brutal and ran roughshod on our party members." The son of one of Mexico's most popular presidents, Cardenas led a dissident movement in the PRI before breaking away to become candidate of several small parties.

## Police deal another blow to Sikh radicals

AMRITSAR, July 15, (Reuters): Indian police delivered another blow to one of Punjab's biggest Sikh separatist groups, killing a leading member in a shoot-out and arresting two area commanders yesterday, police said.

"Security forces have had a good day," said senior police officer in Chandigarh, capital of north India's Punjab state.

Three Sikhs on bicycles opened fire when security forces challenged them near the town of Kapurthala, police said.

The patrol fired back and killed a man later identified as Balbir Singh of the Khalistan Commando Force (KCF). The other men escaped.

The dead man was responsible for at least seven murders and a number of robberies, police said.

**Strongest**

Police say the KCF is the strongest of the militant groups fighting for an independent Sikh homeland in Punjab. Their campaign has cost nearly 1,500 lives this year.

The group suffered a major loss on Tuesday when police

killed Sukhdev Singh, a KCF commander, in a similar encounter.

Sukhdev Singh was wanted for killing about a dozen policemen and for India's biggest bank robbery which netted the separatists Rs 57 million (about \$5 million). Police also said they had arrested 10 separatists in raids throughout Punjab early yesterday, including two area commanders of the KCF.

They said two separatists were beaten to death by neighbours who went to the aid of a man attacked in his home. A third attacker escaped.

**Document**

A document found on the body of Sukhdev Singh, called for attacks on politicians and police rather than indiscriminate terrorism.

The document, said indiscriminate terrorism had alienated most ordinary Sikhs.

"We should restrict our targets to political leaders, police officers and their informers and to those staunchly opposed to Khalistan," said the document.

## Winnie calls off visit to husband on birthday

JOHANNESBURG, July 15, (Reuters): Winnie Mandela called off today a highly-publicised visit to her husband, jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, spurning a government offer of a special birthday reunion with South Africa's most famous prisoner.

Mrs Mandela, herself a symbol of protest, had been given permission with family members to make a six-hour visit to her husband on his 70th birthday on Monday in Cape Town's Pollsmoor Prison.

But the Mandela's lawyer, Ismail Ayob, issued a statement saying she would spend the day quietly at her home in the black township of Soweto outside Johannesburg.

**Decision**

"She has taken this decision as both she and Mr Mandela have never sought any special privileges for themselves," Ayob told reporters. Prison visits are normally limited to 40 minutes.

The statement made clear that Mrs Mandela, in turning down the government's unusual offer, was making a gesture of solidarity with the anti-apartheid cause and other prisoners.

The government's bureau for information, in a later statement, said Mandela himself had also asked for the family visit to be cancelled.

"Permission for the visit still applies should Mr Mandela change his mind," added the bureau, which voices and promotes government policy.

Ayob said Mrs Mandela had declined the special visit to focus attention on thousands of people imprisoned for their opposition to Pretoria's apartheid racial segregation policies, who had never been allowed to spend a day with their loved ones.

## Canada, Iran to 'normalise' relations

NICOSIA, July 15, (Reuters): A Canadian delegation arrived in Tehran today for talks with Iranian officials on normalising relations, Tehran Radio reported.

The radio gave no details, but the move is part of Tehran's new approach in foreign policy which has also led to resumption of diplomatic relations with France in June and increased contacts with Britain.

Iran's influential Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said this month Iran had discarded a policy of "constantly making enemies" and would try to cultivate relations with countries close to its war enemy Iraq.

Tehran and Ottawa last month started talks on improving diplomatic ties soured in 1980 when Canada withdrew its diplomats from Tehran after they spirited six US diplomats out of Iran.

## Safe air routes sought

GENEVA, July 15, (UPI): World airlines demanded today safer routes in the Gulf region and effective measures in general to improve co-ordination between civilian flights and military activities.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), on behalf of 172 member carriers, said it "fully supports" decisions yesterday by the UN's International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

An ICAO council meeting agreed to institute a fact-finding investigation into the downing of the Iranian Airbus by the US cruiser Vincennes.

A special session of the ICAO, in Montreal, deplored the use of weapons against a civilian aircraft, but it did not condemn the US for the attack.

IATA said airlines in particular want "effective measures to co-ordinate civil flight operations and military activity" and "improved routing arrangements in the (Gulf) area to facilitate safe operation of civil air traffic."

## French 'terrorist' attacked ship

ATHENS, July 15, (Reuters): The Greek government said today a Frenchman was probably part of the guerrilla group that carried out an attack on a Greek tourist ship this week, killing nine people and wounding 80.

Merchant Marine Minister Evangelos Yannopoulos told reporters a Frenchman suspected of being a guerrilla died in Monday's attack on board the City of Poros, which carried 471 passengers.

"There are still three bodies whose identity has yet to be confirmed. They are two men and a woman. One man must be French and by all indications he was a terrorist," Yannopoulos told reporters. He did not elaborate.

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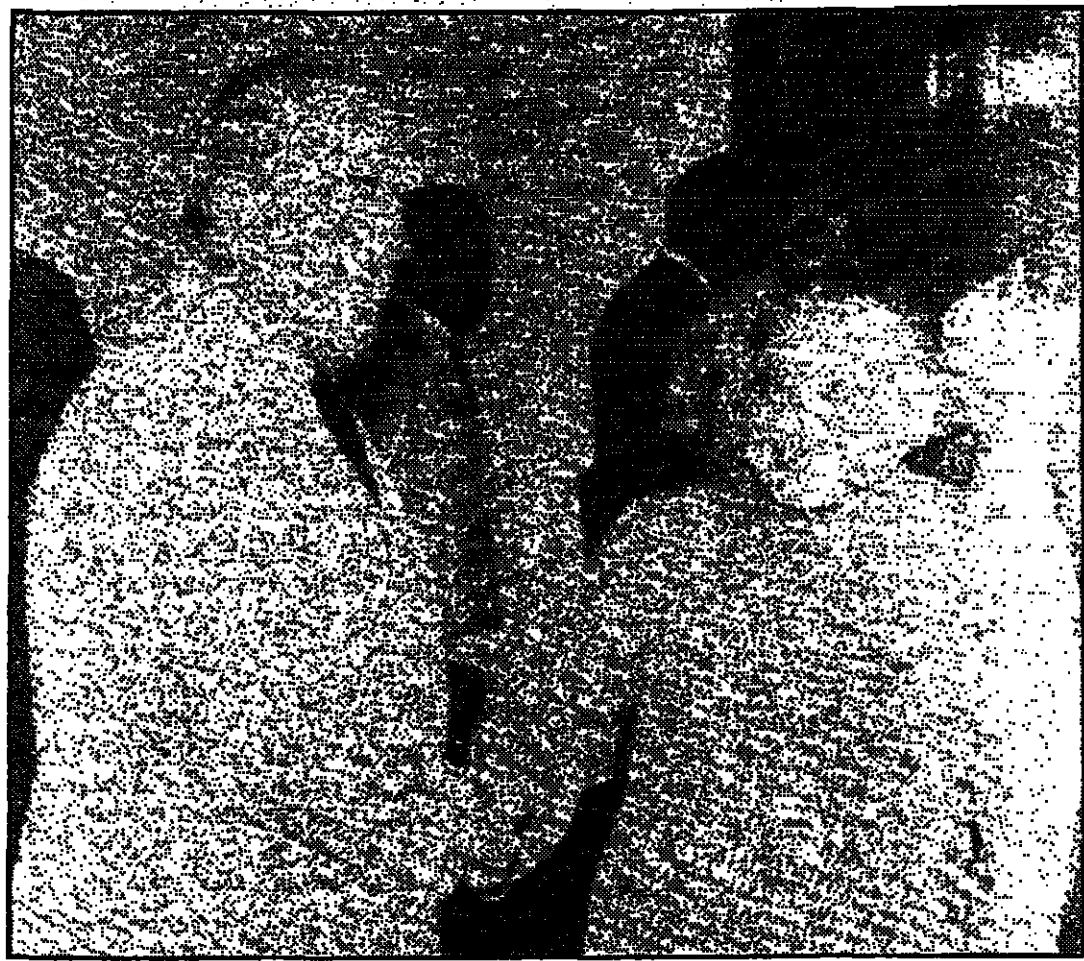
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Deng Xiaoping (right) greets Shultz (left) at the beginning of their meeting at the Great Hall of the People. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Helicopter crash kills 7 Indians

SRINAGAR, July 15, (UPI): A helicopter ran into thick clouds near a mountaintop Hindu shrine and crashed Thursday, killing all seven passengers, including five pilgrims and two crew members, officials said.

The Pawan Hans helicopter, carrying the pilgrims from Jammu to the Vaishno Devi shrine in northern Jammu and Kashmir state, apparently went out of control in a heavy rainstorm and thick clouds and crashed near Katra town, 550 km north of Delhi, they said.

Police said they had recovered the mutilated bodies of the five pilgrims and were searching for the two crew members, believed dead, on the regularly scheduled flight to the famous temple dedicated to the three mother goddesses of Hinduism.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, expressing his "profound shock and grief" over the crash, said the helicopter was piloted by a "very experienced pilot" and had been "very useful" in helping religious pilgrims reach the mountaintop shrine, the Press Trust of India said.

Thousands of pilgrims each year visit the Vaishno Devi Shrine, located in a cave, after making the 12km climb from Katra.

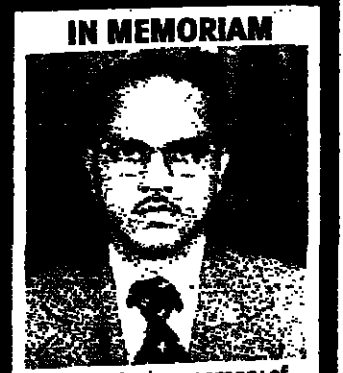
## Rajiv signs Yugoslav accords

BELGRADE, July 15, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi signed accords on Thursday with Yugoslavia on technology, information and sports cooperation, and agreed to revive dormant tripartite economic cooperation with Yugoslavia and Egypt.

Rajiv, on the second day of his first official visit to Yugoslavia, also addressed parliament in a speech reaffirming his recent disarmament initiatives.

The accords aim to boost India's cooperation with Yugoslavia in line with Rajiv's drive to revitalise the Non-Aligned Movement, of which both countries, as well as Egypt, are founding members.

In talks with Yugoslav Prime Minister Branko Mikulic on Wednesday and Thursday, they agreed that the Non-Aligned Movement should "direct its potentials towards solving major international economic problems" of developing countries, officials said.



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## Sino-US ties improved under Reagan: Deng

BEIJING, July 15, (Reuters): Senior Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping said today that Sino-American relations had improved steadily during the tenure of President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz.

As he began talks with Shultz in the Great Hall of the People, Deng noted, however, that problems still existed and said both sides must continue to work at building the ties.

"I agree with what you said, that is, during the term of office of President Reagan and during your tenure as Secretary of State, Sino-US relations have developed quite steadily," Deng said.

"There is a need for the (continued) development of Sino-US relations... I think that we should both place these developments on a higher plane," he added.

Shultz, on an 18-day trip to Asia, assured Deng there was strong bipartisan support in the United States for a policy of improving ties with China that would continue regardless of who succeeds Reagan in the November election.

Deng, who turns 84 next month, shook hands with Shultz and his top aides as they arrived for the meeting, then startled everyone by impulsively approaching one of Shultz's security agents

and shaking his hands as well.

The agent, Bill Ziegler, normally is stony-faced as his eyes scan for potential trouble but he blushed and erupted into hearty laughter at the Chinese leader's impromptu gesture.

Shultz, on the second and final day of his Beijing visit, was expected to discuss with Deng potential sales by China of new ballistic missile systems to the Middle East, efforts to negotiate peace in Kampuchea, tensions on the Korean peninsula and the transfer of Western technology to China.

A senior US official said the Chinese had told Shultz yesterday they would consider an American proposal to hold talks on curbing the spread of ballistic missiles.

US officials have said the Middle East is rife with unconfirmed reports that China, eager to obtain hard currency, to underwrite its own military modernisation, is marketing shorter-range ballistic missiles that could hit all capitals in the region and some European cities as well.

Potential clients are said to be Syria, Iran, Libya and Pakistan. Shultz, in public statements and private talks with Chinese officials, has argued that it is not in China's interest to sell arms that could destabilise the Middle East.

## Brunei frees detainees

KAULALUMPUR, July 15, (Reuters): Brunei on Thursday released 34 potential detainees, including a leader of an abortive 1962 uprising.

A government statement said Awang Abdul Samad Jamaluddin, former secretary-general of the now defunct Brunei People's Party, and 33 former students were arrested in the past 11 months upon their return to Brunei from years of exile.

They were released after investigations into their past activities were completed, the statement said.

## S. Korean workers protest Iraqi raid

SEOUL, July 15, (Reuters): Six hundred South Korean workers staged a noisy demonstration outside the Iraqi consulate-general in Seoul on Thursday to protest against a recent air raid on an Iranian plant that employed Koreans.

The attack by Iraqi planes killed 12 and wounded nearly 50 employees of South Korea's Daelim Industrial Company engaged in the building of an Iranian oil refinery on the mainland near Lavan Island in the southern Gulf on June 30.

Daelim agreed on Wednesday to pay 190 million won (\$261,700) compensation to each of the families of the dead workers and provide schooling and other benefits for dependents.

Newspapers said it was the biggest such compensation ever awarded in South Korea. Daelim has been accused of negligence in the incident for failing to protect the workers.

Daelim has yet to settle compensation and other payments to the surviving workers, including 49 who were injured in the raid.

A total of 303 surviving Korean workers, including the injured, were evacuated to Seoul last week. Daelim suspended the project, which was devastated by the air raid.

In another development,

North Korea has turned down a South Korean proposal for student exchange visits to help ease tension and warm up relations between the countries.

South Korean Education Minister Kim Young-Shik said today he proposed an exchange visit and "pilgrimage" in which about 1,000 students from each nation would march across the other's territory to promote peace.

"It would help restore a sense of national trust and identity among the young generation and provide a foothold for multilateral nation exchanges," Kim said in a nationally broadcast speech.

South Korean officials, who declined to be identified, said the North Korean government refused on Thursday night to agree to receive a letter outlining the student exchanges.

The (North) Korean Central News Agency, in a report monitored in Tokyo today, quoted Hanoi's education chief Pyong Yong Rip as chiding the South "for having refused to receive our letters (to South Korean students) three times... and (pledges) to interfere no more in the talks between the students of the North and the South."

North Korea also said governments should leave such student exchanges to students.

## 20 die as Afghan war escalates

# Rebels rain rockets on Kabul

MOSCOW, July 15, (AP): Afghan rebels blasted the capital city of Kabul with more than 20 rockets this morning, killing 20 people and wounding 34 others, the state-run Tass news agency reported from Afghanistan.

Tass said the "barbarous action" had also caused damage but gave no further details in its two-sentence dispatch.

The attack by rebels fighting the Moscow-backed government of Afghan President Najib was the latest on a major population centre in Afghanistan reported by Soviet media. On Sunday, Tass said fighting had dramatically worsened in the country as Soviet troops continued their withdrawal.

More than 150 civilians were reported killed last weekend when the mujahideen insurgents used artillery and rockets to shell populated areas in more than eight provinces, Tass reported at the time.

On July 8, a car bomb packed with explosives blew up near a downtown movie theatre in the eastern city of Jalalabad, killing 31 people and badly injuring 33 others, Soviet and Afghan media said.

The Soviets, who sent tanks

and troops into Afghanistan in December 1979, agreed in April to pull out their more than 100,000 soldiers over a 10-month period, beginning May 15. Half of the troops are to be back home by August.

However, Soviet officials repeatedly have accused Pakistan of violating the accords signed April 14 in Geneva. The commander of Soviet forces in Afghanistan, Lt Gen Boris Gromov, has said the violations could force his country to reconsider the withdrawal timetable.

The Soviets say Pakistan is allowing its territory to be used to supply the rebels with weapons and ammunition and serve as the base of a rival Afghan government.

### Regret

Meanwhile, the head of an Afghan guerrilla alliance said on Thursday he regretted that rebel commanders had refused to meet UN envoy Diego Cordovez to discuss a United Nations peace plan for Afghanistan.

Syed Ahmad Ghalani said his National Islamic Front wanted to speak to Cordovez when he was in the Pakistan capital last week but had been overruled by a majority in the seven-party

alliance. "Mr Cordovez is a vehicle. He brings ideas and he should take ideas from us too," he said at a news conference. "There is no harm in talking to Mr Cordovez."

During visits to Tehran, Islamabad and Kabul, Cordovez actively promoted a plan for a truce in the war and creation of a neutral administration in Kabul of impartial Afghans.

### Government

He envisaged the Soviet-backed government in Kabul and the Afghan resistance groups voluntarily standing aside while the neutral government called a traditional grand assembly of prominent Afghans to work out a permanent political solution.

The alliance rejected the plan, Ghalani told reporters, but his group believed a neutral government was an interesting proposition.

However, he stuck to the alliance line that there could be no role in Afghanistan for President Najibullah and his ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

"We clearly have said that our party should be open to

everybody but not to people with blood on their hands," he said.

He said also that guerrilla forces fighting inside Afghanistan would be reluctant to lay down their arms until they had seen a neutral government in action.

Political analysts and diplomats say there are deep alliance divisions between groups seeking a fundamentalist Islamic state and orders like Ghalani who would like to see a return of the old order and perhaps a role for the exiled Afghan king, Zahir Shah.

An example, they say, is a majority decision of the alliance on Wednesday to signal their readiness to negotiate with the Soviet Union over prisoners of war.

A week ago, the hardline leader of the Hezb-e-Islami group, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, clearly stated there could be no negotiations until all Soviet troops were out of Afghanistan.

On Wednesday, the alliance said it was ready to talk on humanitarian grounds, but at his news conference, Ghalani declined to give any details of how many Soviet prisoners the guerrilla groups were holding or where.

## Top aide of Arafat invited to US

BAGHDAD, July 15, (AP): Basam Abu Sharif, the PLO spokesman who called recently for direct negotiations with Israel, announced he has been invited to the United States by two non-governmental institutions to discuss Arab-Israeli peace.

But Abu Sharif, an advisor to Palestine Liberation Organisation chief Yasser Arafat, said he was "prepared to visit Washington to elaborate further on my paper," but admitted that the State Department has not yet agreed to grant him a visa.

In an interview with the Associated Press in Baghdad, Abu Sharif said the invitations came from the Washington-based Brookings Institution and the National Press Club.

The Brookings Institution, a non-governmental outfit, is a liberal think-tank that deals in economic and foreign policy issues. The National Press Club, also based in Washington, groups scores of journalists both American and non-American.

### Uproar

Abu Sharif, a writer and former journalist, caused an uproar in radical Arab circles last month when he published a signed article in the London-based newsletter Mideast Mirror calling for direct PLO-Israeli negotiations under a UN-sponsored international peace conference.

Radicals viewed his declaration as an implicit recognition of the state of Israel.

Both Israel and the United States have refused to deal directly with the PLO and Washington has said it would review this stand if the PLO first, recognised the Jewish state.

The PLO had insisted on simultaneous, mutual recognition.

American and Israeli officials have responded favourably to Abu Sharif's article, but demanded that it be endorsed by higher authority, namely Arafat.

## Palestinian jailed in Greece

ATHENS, July 15, (Reuters): A Palestinian hijack suspect, whose detention in Greece may have prompted a bloody attack on a tourist ship, was sentenced to seven months in jail on Thursday for entering the country with a false passport.

A court handed down the sentence on Mohammed Rashid, 34, who is wanted by the United States for a bomb attack on a Pan American Airlines plane in 1982 which killed one person.

Greek police have been investigating the possibility that a guerrilla assault on a Greek tourist ship on Monday was staged to blackmail authorities into releasing Rashid.

Nine people were killed and 80 wounded when guerrillas opened fire with sub-machine guns and threw grenades on the pleasure boat city of Poros as it neared Athens.

Lawyers for Rashid said they would appeal against the verdict and that he would stay in prison pending the appeal. Greek officials have said they are studying an American request for extradition.

Rashid is also suspected of involvement in a bomb attack on a Trans World Airlines plane over Greece in 1986 which killed four people.

Rashid told the court: "I am a fighter for a group that belongs to the PLO. My struggle is confined to the occupied lands."

## Lebanese gunman captured in Bonn

# Libyan embassy siege ends

BONN, July 15, (AP): An armed Lebanese man, who had barricaded himself inside the Libyan embassy for nearly 12 hours, was arrested late yesterday after he fell asleep and police rushed the building, officials said.

No shots were fired and Libyan embassy employees who had been trapped on the top floors were not injured, police said.

Police identified the man as El-Idrisi Edlebi, 22, and said he had escaped from a prison in Goettingen on July 8 along with a Turkish accomplice who has since been recaptured.

Edlebi was serving a three-year prison term for assault, police said.

Police said he told officers that he had nothing to eat since he escaped.

"He had become very weak since his escape and looked exhausted during the negotiations," said Ulrich Fischer, head of the Bonn police team that captured Edlebi.

Police negotiated with Edlebi for nearly 12 hours. Fisher's team was able to watch Edlebi by making use of a video camera that is a normal part of security on the first-floor of the Libyan embassy.

### Sleep

Police later noticed Edlebi had fallen asleep inside the first-floor visitors' room and they rushed into the building, Fischer said.

"Finally, he just fell asleep from exhaustion," said Fischer.

Police said they did not know where Edlebi got the pistol.

Edlebi was taken to a local hospital for examination, officials said.

Police spokesman Hans Georg Classen said he assumed new charges would be brought against Edlebi but that he did not know what they would be.

A team of police officers negotiated with the gunman for almost 12 hours by telephone as well as through a metal-barred

door at the entrance to the structure.

In the face-to-face negotiations, the gunman had kept himself at a distance of about three metres to avoid being grabbed by police officers on the other side of the door, Classen said.

"He demanded that he not be returned to prison. He said he wanted to go to Libya because the Libyans always help the Lebanese," said Fischer.

Classen said Edlebi was born in Beirut. But he said Bonn police did not know how long Edlebi had lived in West Germany, whether he had any relatives in this country or knew any other details about the man other than his prison record.

Edlebi had been at the prison in Goettingen for about 18 months, Classen said.

Shortly after the standoff began, heavily armed police officers wearing combat gear had climbed through a second-story window into the embassy, known as the Libyan People's Bureau.

## Mail-order bride businessman held

MANILA, July 15, (AP): Government agents have arrested a Briton on charges he was running a mail-order bride business without a proper business licence, immigration officials said today.

Ponciano Ortiz, an intelligence officer at the commission on immigration and deportation, said Vincent Charles Browne "will definitely be deported." He did not specify any date.

Ortiz said by telephone that Browne was arrested Thursday in an office at the Manila suburb of Makati where he allegedly recruited Filipino women as prospective brides for his clients in Britain.

"We received complaints in the mail" about Browne's activities, Ortiz said. "When our agents went to the office, they got hold of proof that he was running a mail-order bride business."

## Vietnam to take back boat people

BANGKOK, July 15, (Reuters): Vietnam, in a major policy change, has said it is willing in principle to take back Vietnamese boat people turned down by resettlement countries, a senior Thai official said on Thursday.

The new Vietnamese approach, revealed in meetings with UN officials, will be a key element of talks in Bangkok next week involving Asian countries where the boat people land and the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

"Vietnam told the UNHCR it was ready to take back the refugees (not accepted for immigration to third countries), and asked the UNHCR to arrange details of a repatriation programme," the official told Reuters.

### Welcome

He said Thailand welcomed Vietnam's approach. "It is a positive and encouraging development in Vietnam's attitude," he said.

## Jayewardene's party wins by-elections

COLOMBO, July 15, (AP): President Junius Jayewardene's governing United National Party won three of four parliamentary by-elections with narrow margins over opposition candidates, according to results announced today.

The UNP's victory was expected to pave the way for general elections and a presidential poll later this year. It is widely believed the by-elections were called by Jayewardene to test his party's popularity.

The ruling party won the Katugampola, Kekirawa, and Welimada seats. It was defeated in the Ratnapura constituency by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

The polling was held Thursday in the four districts scattered throughout central Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka Freedom Party's candidates lost by narrow margins in three districts. At Kekirawa, it lost by 361 votes in an electorate of 41,013 voters.

The Ratnapura seat was won by the Freedom Party by 4,785 votes — the highest victory margin in all four districts.

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HH the Crown Prince shaking hands with Kuwaitis, who welcomed him on his arrival in Washington.

## 'Kuwait will never succumb to aggression'

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explained Kuwait's reasons for seeking the arms from the US.

Sheikh Saad yesterday met for over an hour with members of the House Foreign Relations Committee and discussed a wide variety of issues including the proposed arms purchase deal.

The refueling operation and the escort by the US and other countries' navies, were also reviewed.

A member of the House committee, Representative Rose Oakar, said after the meeting that the Crown Prince presented clearly and frankly Kuwait's position on the various issues raised.

Asked if it were her impression that a compromise might be worked out, Oakar said she believed that Kuwait was clear in its message that the arms deal has to go as a package or else it will not be interested.

On Wednesday Sheikh Saad was asked at a press conference why Kuwait had chosen the F-18 fighter plane rather than the F-16. The Crown Prince said that Kuwaiti pilots had tested all kinds of planes manufactured in the US, Britain, France and other countries but had submitted their recommendation that they found the range of the F-18 and its manoeuvrability to be most suitable for Kuwait's air

defence needs. And the government adopted their recommendation, he said.

**Futile**  
Sheikh Saad also let slip word that US Secretary of State George Shultz is planning another trip to the Middle East.

Shultz has travelled to the area five times so far this year in a futile effort to put together direct Arab-Israeli talks leading to Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Crown Prince, saying that Shultz plans to travel to Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Saudi Arabia, also invited Shultz to come to Kuwait. He did not give a date for the Shultz trip, but State Department officials said the most likely time would be September or early October.

Sheikh Saad met the publisher of the Washington Post, Katherine Graham and the paper's editors on Wednesday. Sheikh Saad outlined the position of Kuwait and the Arab countries on a wide range of issues, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, the rights of the Palestinians and the meaning of the intifada, the Iran-Iraq war, the refueling process and Kuwait's arms purchase policies.

Sheikh Saad also met the editors and correspondents of the American television news network ABC yesterday.

## Kuwaitis taking part in children's festival

SOFIA, July 15, (KUNA): Several Kuwaiti children, aged between 10 and 13, are taking part in the Fourth Banner of Peace International Children's Assembly in Sofia.

They recently performed at the review of children's musical creativity, demonstrating Kuwaiti folk music. They also took part in the drawing on asphalt competition.

The criteria for selection of the children were: talent and capability to present Kuwait's culture.

"The children have every opportunity to make their mark at this major public and cultural event. They had some problems

before they got used to the new conditions, but they soon coped with that," said Hussein Abdullah Al Muallem, the leader of the group.

"They have every chance to enjoy themselves and to have fun. After the programme in Sofia, they will travel together with other groups to the city of Varna on the Black Sea," he said.

Hussein holds a doctorate in dramatic art from the US. His interests lie in children's creativity. He is the head of the theatre section at the Ministry of Education and teaches at the Higher Institute of Dramatic Art in Kuwait.

## New Iranian offshore platform will be able to co-ordinate attacks

WASHINGTON, July 15, (Agencies): Iran is preparing to put a large offshore platform near the Strait of Hormuz capable of co-ordinating sea and air attacks on US Navy ships, a television news report has said.

The ABC television network said the platform will also be able to refuel helicopter gunships and patrol boats and will be in position to monitor electronically the southern Gulf.

Iran has instructed an independent contractor at an undisclosed remote Arab Gulf port to remove an oil drilling floor and derrick from the platform and install a second helicopter landing pad and a satellite communications system, the report said.

It said the contractor has also been instructed to install two storage tanks on deck for aviation or marine fuel.

Iran told the contractor the platform will only be a support base for commercial tankers but has ordered armoured plating on parts of the rig, ABC said.

It said the work is to be completed in 45 days, and the platform is then to be stationed next to incoming sea lanes into the Gulf near the Strait of Hormuz.

Shipping executives in the Gulf, quoted Iranian officials as saying the platform will become an administrative base for Iran's fleet of oil shuttle tankers, serving the Larak island export ter-

minal in the Strait of Hormuz. But some shipping industry experts say it also could be intended for military purposes, including the electronic monitoring of shipping traffic and warships travelling through the Hormuz chokepoint, where many of Iran's attacks on neutral shipping occur.

"What happens after the Iranians get it is between them and God," said one executive, who is in close touch with the company working on the platform.

Iran has used standard drilling rigs as military communications bases in the past, according to US officials. Three have been destroyed or damaged in attacks by American warships — one last October and two more on April 18 of this year.

The attacks in each case were in retaliation for Iranian military actions against American-related ships and aircraft in the Gulf, US officials said.

The ABC reported that the new triangular-shaped rig will give a huge boost to Iranian military capacity in the Gulf.

"When platform 135G is deployed, Iran, for the first time, will have an offshore base capable of co-ordinating sea and airborne attacks upon the US Navy. It will also... have the capacity to refuel helicopter gunships and patrol boats," ABC said.

It will be moored at the outer limits of the range of Iraqi fighter jets.

## Gang of thieves

A GANG of youths has been recently breaking into houses and stealing car accessories in Farwaniya and Babayh areas.

A group of people has decided to form a patrol, to catch the perpetrators, a local daily reported.

It added that the thefts were mostly of electrical appliances and small vehicles, such as bicycles and mopeds.

## Tanker towed to Bahrain

BAHRAIN, July 15, (Reuters): A Panamanian tanker hit by Iranian gunboats which were later engaged by US helicopters arrived off Bahrain today, regional shipping sources said.

The helicopter, responding to a Mayday, exchanged fire with the gunboats last Tuesday, in the first clash between Iran and the United States since a US warship shot down an Iran Air Airbus on July 3.

## Security Council resolution 598 adequate: Moscow

# Iraq fails to sway Soviets on embargo

MOSCOW, July 15, (AP): The visit by a top Iraqi leader to Moscow has failed to overcome the Soviets' opposition to an international arms embargo against Iran, Iraq's enemy in an eight-year-old war, Soviet and Iraqi officials have said.

"We don't have any radical changes in our position," Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilov told a government news briefing.

**Meetings**  
Saadoun Hammadi, President of Iraq's National Council and a member of its Revolutionary Command Council, told reporters earlier that differences in views between his country and the Kremlin remained.

Hammadi, in Moscow for official celebrations called the "Days of Soviet-Iraqi Friend-

ship," has met President Andrei Gromyko and First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov.

On the weapons boycott, Hammadi said: "We dwell in detail on the question. We believe that now is the most favourable moment to adopt such a resolution."

Perfilov, however, said the Soviets believe the United Nations Security Council resolution 598 adopted last summer, which called for an immediate end to the fighting between Iran and Iraq, may be adequate to bring about a halt in the bloodshed.

"We do believe we have some room to work on resolution 598," Perfilov said. "Of course, the Soviet Union is always ready for drastic measures if they bring

success. But embargoes, as you know from the record of the United Nations, are not effective, mildly speaking."

**Visit**  
The Soviet spokesman said the Kremlin was working "on every possibility to put an end to the senseless warfare." As part of that effort, Vorontsov will visit the Iranian and Iraqi capitals next week, Perfilov said.

Hammadi, however, said he told the Soviets that "the best way to end the war is not through diplomatic efforts." He called them "only an additional instrument in that work."

"Today, our country is the subject of aggression on the part of an aggressor whose aim is to seize all of our territory and overthrow the existing government," the Iraqi official said. "Those are

the stated aims of the Iranian leadership and its actions in fact."

The Soviets have repeatedly said an arms embargo against Iran would be premature, and that other means should be tried first.

For example, Soviet diplomats at the United Nations have proposed creating an international flotilla under UN auspices to patrol the waters of the Gulf.

The Soviet Union has been the No. 1 arms supplier to Iraq, but has recently been trying to improve relations with the Islamic fundamentalist leadership in Tehran. Western specialists say the Kremlin would not want to antagonize Iran now by supporting an international arms boycott.

## Bahrain faces jellyfish menace

MANAMA, Bahrain, July 15, (AP): Hordes of jellyfish clogging the intake pipes at this arid island's major water distillation plant threaten to completely jam up the system.

Two truckloads of the clear little blobs are removed daily from the pipes used to pump water from the sea into the plant that refines it into fresh water.

There's a continuous number of jellyfish, and we have men working round-the-clock," said Abdullah Juma, director of electricity for the Gulf Island nation.

**Baffling**  
The sea-going creature — described as "white, round and sticky" by Juma — not only threaten to block the filtering nets, but so many are heading into the plant that executives fear shredded pieces of jellyfish could go plopping into bathtubs and kitchen sinks.

The invasion, which baffles environmental protection experts, has yet to affect production, the director said.

The Sitra plant, named after the area where it was built, has faced a similar menace from jellyfish attacks in previous years. But the quantities this year appear to be out-jiggling all previous records.

**Curtain**  
Juma said the plant may try to prevent similar jellyfish invasions by installing steel plates and fish nets along the seabed as a curtain around the plant.

The Sitra plant provides 25 million gallons of sweet water a day, or about 45 per cent of Bahrain's water needs.

The island's water supply is already stretched to its limit and rationing has been introduced in some areas.

## US investigators maintain a low profile in the Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain, July 15, (Agencies): In a region characterised by high concern about terrorism and the low profiles of American military personnel, the US experts investigating the shooting down of an Iranian jetliner are silent, and next to invisible.

Their daily travels between a local hotel and two US warships anchored off the Bahrain port are quick and discreet. The officers wear civilian clothes while ashore, as is the rule for all US service personnel in the security-conscious Arab countries along the Gulf.

The six-man team arrived in the Gulf July 5 aboard a special US military aircraft, two days after an Iran Air A300 Airbus was shot down by the missile cruiser USS Vincennes, killing all 290 aboard.

**Deadline**  
Its 15-day timetable to complete the report is more than half over, although the deadline may be extended if Rear Adm. William Fogarty, the team leader, decides more time is needed.

On Tuesday the team received an analysis of the Vincennes' computer tapes, a crucial piece of evidence in trying to reconstruct the incident. But US officials, adhering to the secrecy surrounding the inquiry, refused to say what the analysis tells about the performance of the billion-dollar cruiser's high-tech "Aegis" air defence system.

Britain's Defence Ministry has said that its audio tapes of distress frequencies in the Gulf were being provided to the US inquiry.

The Americans were understood to have requested similar data from Italy, which like Britain had a warship in the area, and from the air traffic control centre at Dubai, the destination of Iran Air flight 655.

Aside from Fogarty, the Navy has declined for security reasons to identify the other team members, except that one is a lawyer and the rest are technical experts. On the rare occasions they are seen, the officers ignore all questions.

The team's first move was to take depositions from Capt. Will Rogers III, the Vincennes' commander, and other officers of the three US warships that were in the area.

US officials in Washington said the Vincennes' combat information centre received a confusing mixture of identification signals, on both military and civilian channels, indicating that the Airbus was an Iranian F-14 fighter.

**Subdued**  
They say Rogers fired his missiles at virtually the last moment, after failing repeatedly to establish radio contact with the aircraft on both military and civilian frequencies.

The investigation has been conducted mostly aboard the Vincennes and the Navy's Gulf-based flagship, the Coronado. One American, who visited the Vincennes last week, said the atmosphere on the ship was subdued. He said "nobody talks about" the Airbus incident, at least when outsiders are aboard.

The other two ships that were in the area at the time, the frigate Elmer Montgomery and the mis-

sile frigate John H. Sides, were in port here for the first few days of the investigation and then returned to duty.

Both ships are said to have evidence indicating the jetliner was at about 12,000 feet (3,657 metres) and possibly climbing, rather than descending from 9,000 (2,743 feet) to 7,800 feet (2,380 metres) as Vincennes personnel claim.

The bodies of three United Arab Emirates citizens killed in the shooting down of the Airbus have been flown to Dubai, airport officials said.

**Call**  
The bodies of Badreya Al Shada, 25, Fatima Amin, 46, and her 11-year-old daughter Sameen were brought to Dubai last night from Tehran where 14 other UAE victims have been buried, they said.

Meanwhile, Libya called on UN to ensure the withdrawal of American warships from the Gulf, the official Libyan news agency JANA said.

JANA, monitored in Beirut, said the Foreign Ministry made the call in a letter to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

It quoted the letter as saying: "In view of the 'serious' developments, Libya hopes the Security Council will take up its responsibilities towards preserving peace and stability in the Arab Gulf... and take all measures to withdraw the American fleets."

The letter said Washington's military intervention in the area "made it a side in the conflict there."

## Relations with Kuwait will grow further

# India condemns repressive Israeli measures

By Peter D'Souza

INDIA supports the struggle of the Palestinians and condemns the repressive measures taken by Israel to put down the uprising. India's State Minister for External Affairs, K.K. Tiwari said at a reception held at the Indian embassy.

He hoped Palestinians will get their homeland very soon.

Regarding Iran-Iraq war Tiwari said, it is unfortunate that two members of the Non-Aligned Movement are at war, which poses a serious threat to world peace. He said India supports the UN initiative and international peace conference to end the war.

**Bomb**  
Tiwari, who accompanied Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to Jordan was in Kuwait on his way back to New Delhi.

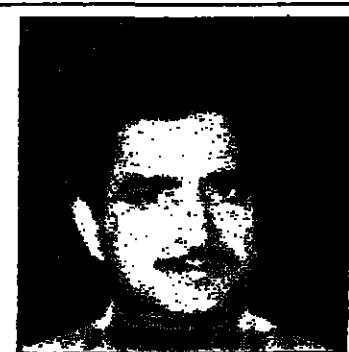
Tiwari said India is capable of making nuclear bombs but doesn't intend to do so because of its limited resources.

Tiwari accused Pakistan of stockpiling nuclear weapons. He blamed the US for giving billions of dollars in military aid to Pakistan, "while nuclear weapons have become an obsession across the border."

**Problems**  
He said: "Pakistan's action is a 'direct challenge to our survival and warned our response will be firm."

On terrorism in Punjab he said: "People from across the border cross into Punjab and commit mayhem." External forces are trying to divide us. Our patience is being tried. We do not seek to dominate. We want peace."

He said Kuwait is a friendly country, and "we will work to



Tiwari: challenge

strengthen bilateral relations further."

He praised overseas Indians for their contribution to the economy and image of India. He also listened to some of the problems of the Indian community in Kuwait.

Exploitation of labourers by recruiting agencies in India, the denial of proper repatriation benefits, the lack of investment opportunities in India, and the mispractices of customs officers at India's airports were some of the problems brought to the notice of Tiwari.

Regarding cremation in Kuwait, he said, he would take the matter up forcefully in New Delhi.

## Navigational scheme gets go-ahead

KUWAIT and Saudi Arabia will soon begin erecting advanced navigational beacons in a Japan-funded scheme to help ships pick their way through dangerous Gulf waters.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced earlier this week that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait had agreed to join the project. Tokyo's contribution to international efforts to safeguard Gulf shipping from attacks by warring Iran and Iraq.

Japan imports most of its oil from the Gulf and is the top trading partner of nearly every state along its western coast.

When the United States and Europe sent dozens of warships to the region last year, Japan came under pressure to help. Last October it offered to finance a \$10-million, British-designed precise navigation system.

Shipping sources said a team from the British radar systems

firm Racal had arrived in Kuwait and begun scouting sites for the beacons, which emit signals to let warships and merchant vessels pinpoint their position with greater accuracy.

"They'll know exactly where they are at any given time," one source said.

The system will be especially useful in helping ships stay clear of known mines. Systems now used in the Gulf have a margin of error as high as half a mile, the source said.

The sources said the solar-powered beacons, some 35 metres (115 feet) high and topped with red warning lights, would also help minehunters from the United States and five West European nations operate more efficiently by identifying exactly where they had swept.

"You will be able to define mine-free corridors with pinpoint precision," one source

added.

Japan said it had decided to allocate \$2.3 million for beacons in Kuwait and \$2.9 million for those in Saudi Arabia.

It is negotiating with other members of the GCC about taking part to ensure complete coverage of the 550-mile (880-km) waterway.

A shipping source said at least three beacons would be constructed on Kuwaiti shores. Any ship, at least in the western part of the Gulf, would be able to use the system provided it had proper receiving equipment.

## KD350,000 earned

AN AUTHORITATIVE source at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Works was quoted as saying that the Government Tests and Laboratories Station's revenue amounted to KD350 thousand per year.

## Call to establish an insecticides laboratory

AN expert at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth underscored the importance of establishing a central laboratory for insecticides in Kuwait due to the rapid development of agriculture in the country.

Speaking at a lecture organised by the authority last week, Dr Fuad Saad said that the lab is vital in finding out the side-effects of insecticides.

Kuwait, he said, imported about 350,000 tons of vegetables and fruits every year. These items were sometimes contaminated with insecticides, he added.

**Increase**  
Kuwait utilises about 50 tons of insecticides annually in the agricultural sector, which are used on an area of 40,000 donums. This quantity of insecticides is expected to increase to 250 tons with the increase of the agricultural area by another 150 donums, Saad said.

Insects damage agricultural products and inhibit their growth and insecticides are vital to their production and are also proven to increase production by as much as 50 per cent, he said.

However, the official warned against indiscriminate use of insecticides which could cause untold damage to humans and crops.

He cited the incident where the USA had sent free insecticides called Taxofine to Egypt which killed thousands of animals after this insecticide was used in the late 1960s. He disclosed that this insecticide is not used in the USA.

Saad advised people to ascertain the kinds of insecticides they buy or use, to verify if they are suitable to the local environment or not and if they are licensed for use in the country of origin.

He warned against storing insecticides in housing areas and near animal farms and selling them at supermarkets and co-operative societies.

**Greenhouse**  
A lecture on protected greenhouses in Kuwait was organised by the authority last week.

Discussions centred on air-conditioning requirements and intensity of sunlight in the greenhouse. The lecture stressed that air-conditioning should be at least 85 per cent efficient.

Al Wafra and Abdali farms are equipped with vertical air-conditioning systems manufactured from materials that tend to lose many of their characteristics due to high temperature.

Farmers are advised to use plastic materials which help in reducing temperatures.

## Replacing non-Kuwaitis to take more than 10 years

THE deputy director-general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Humoud Al Mudhaf, disclosed that replacement of non-Kuwaitis with national manpower in the public sector will not be achieved during the next 10 years due to the large proportion of non-Kuwaiti manpower presently in the country.

**Assistance**  
The official said the authority offers every assistance to Kuwaiti youths to qualify them for occupying a number of major posts and had facilitated the graduation of a large number of Kuwaitis to meet some of the ministries' needs for national manpower.

Al Mudhaf stressed the efforts of the authority in attracting Kuwaiti expertise to work in its

facilities and centres and is doing its best to Kuwaitise its teaching staff.

**Need**  
Further, he said, the authority will send 55 members of the teaching staff to foreign universities to obtain their bachelors and master's degrees.

Since the establishment of the authority, 122 persons have obtained their doctorates and 133 the master's degrees through the assistance of the authority, he said.

He said the country is in dire need of technical manpower and the authority has reduced the four-year study period at the faculty of technology to two years. This period is now standard at all faculties of the authority, except at the faculty of basic education.

## Attempted sexual assault

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced two men to 10 years in prison each for kidnapping and attempting to sexually assault a boy.

The court was told that the accused forcibly abducted the boy into their car and drove to a house in the Sabahiya area. However, the boy managed to escape and sought refuge in a nearby house whose owners notified the police leading to the

arrest of the accused. The court also sentenced a man to five years in jail with hard labour on a charge of attempted rape.

The court heard that the defendant, a salesman, tried to assault his victim in the changing room of his shop, whilst his assistant stood guard at the door. The victim managed to break loose and thwart the salesman's intentions.

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## TV CORNER

## This week on KTV 2

## SUNDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Heathcliff: Cartoons  
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: homo sapiens communicate with each other by means of language. A look at various means of communications.  
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islamic philosophy, hosted by Arafat Al Ashi.  
7.30 Valerie: "Of Human Bondage". Valerie is the peacemaker for her two warring sons.  
8.00 News in English  
8.25 The Flying Doctors: "Eye of the Beholder". A fund-raiser is organized in aid of a medical charity and the beauty contest draws many contestants... Starring: Liz Burch and Andrew McFarlane.  
9.30 My Two Dads: "Friends and Lovers". Michael's girlfriend evades Nicole and leaves home.  
10.00 Hilary's World of Adventure: a group of adventurers go diving to photograph sharks in their natural habitat.  
10.30 Best-Seller: "A Perfect Spy". Part 2 of best-seller, based on John Le Carré's novel. Pym finds out the truth about his father.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Galtar: cartoons  
6.30 The Craft of the Potter: "Decorating". the delicate craft of the potter is further examined in this documentary.  
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.  
7.30 The Duck Factory: the "Duck" loses its voice when the actor who lends his voice disappears... another crisis at the duck factory.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Miami Vice: "Better Living". The police double efforts to stop a chemist from distributing a harmful drug.  
9.30 Private Benjamin: "The

Party". Judy plans a party much against her superior's wishes... comedy.  
10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "If looks could..." A couple plots a perfect murder, using a decoy.  
10.30 The Equalizer: "A Dance on the Dark Side". A telephone operator seeks McCall's help... Starring: Edward Woodward.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## TUESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Rubik: Cartoon series  
6.30 Chocky: Matthew Gore is in tears after Chocky plays down the importance of a brand new car.  
7.00 The Australian Arts: "Life and Death on a Greater Barrier Reef".  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 You and the Law: local programme  
8.50 Magnum: "Murder by Night". Magnum is investigating the murder of a publisher. Starring: Tom Selleck.  
9.30 Les Facheux de Marguerite: French series about aviation.  
10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Beautiful Dreamer". Balki has a sleepless night but Larry wants to rest... comedy.  
10.30 Movie Night: "No Limit". Black and white feature film, starring



Nicole with My Two Dads, Sunday's comedy about a 12-year-old girl and her two adopted fathers.

## SUNDAY

- 10.15 Thamar Al Shok: daily Arabic serial, featuring Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfik, Fatima tabae, Ahsan Al Qalawi.  
12.15 Hardcastle and McCormick: starring: Brian Keith, English serial.  
4.15 Sadiqi Al Wafa: Arabic feature film, starring Farook Fishawi, Libiba, Saeed Saleh, Amin Al Hindi, Thriller.  
6.00 Al Jawharah: a series for children, featuring Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Mohammad Daffarawi, Wafa Shihab, Huda Essa.  
10.30 Late Night Variety Show: A Night with Rahaf Saud Rashid. Prepared and presented by Amal Abdullah.

## MONDAY

- 11.15 Ablah Munira: part 11 of daily local serial, featuring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Wasef.  
12.15 Summer Clubs: this

## KTV I weekly highlights

weekly show focusses on the activities of students of summer clubs.

- 4.15 Football: replay of match between Morocco and Portugal, played for the 1986 World Cup.  
10.45 Shay Min Al Khout: Arabic feature film, starring Shadiya, Mahmoud Mursi, Yahya Shahin.

## TUESDAY

- 12.15 Silver Spoons: English serial.  
4.15 Wa Kanat Ghalata: Arabic play, featuring Afaf Shuaib, Mohammad Al Arabi.  
7.05 The World About Us: documentary.  
9.45 Rajul Fi Mahnah: part one of new Arabic serial starring Khalid Zaki, Laila Hamada and Nahid Rushdi.  
10.45 Film Min Kitab: variety



Thursday's comedy Full House. Above: Jodie Sweetin, David Coulier, Candice Cameron, Bob Saget, Mary Kate-Olsen and John Stamos.

George Formby and Florence Desmond.  
12.08 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## WEDNESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Inspector Gadget: cartoons  
6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: "Casey Draws the Line". Casey and Lisa find out that co-operation is better than unfair competition.  
7.00 Computers in Control: a look at how computers are being used by people in all walks of life.  
7.30 Growing Pains: "A Star is Born". Mike accepts a role in a school play because of a girl... and quickly finds out that there is more to acting than being on stage.  
8.40 O'Hara: "The Shootout

Witnesses". A child is the only witness of a bank robbery...

- 9.30 Edge of Life: "Against the Odds". Medicine. A look at care of premature infants in hospitals in the UK.  
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Hammer Hits the Rocks". Hammer is thrown in jail...

10.30 L.A. Law: the much acclaimed series about the workings of an L.A. law firm; the personal and professional triumphs of lawyers.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## THURSDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons  
6.30 Sesame Street: an education series for young viewers  
7.30 Full House: "The First Day of School". The first day of school is a traumatic experience for one of Dad's girls.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "A Holy Place to Live". The mountain rangers rush to rescue survivors of an earthquake in a town in southern Idaho.  
9.30 I Married Dora: "Where There's a Will...". Peter talks about his death... Starring: Daniel Hugh Kelly, Henry Jones, Juliette Lewis, Jason Horst, and Elizabeth Pena.  
10.00 Hit Squad: candid camera and practical

Badiyah: "Al Zahra". Starring: Miyad Awad, Antonette Najeeb, Ashraf Abaza.

## THURSDAY

- 10.15 Al Mareed: new Arabic serial, starring Jamil Awad, Iman Kamel.  
12.15 International Circus.  
1.50 Fawazir Al Munasabat: featuring Yahya Fakhri, Sabirin, Hala Fuad.

4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays debonair detective Simon Templar.  
10.00 Asfor Lahu Anyab: Arabic feature film, starring Hassan Yusuf, Yusra, Salah Qabil.  
11.45 Late Night Variety Show: directed by Ghafil Fadel.

## FRIDAY

- 10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkoud: children's serial, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazeem, Ali Al Muftedi, Awatif Mohammad.  
11.00 KTV 2 will broadcast The Haj Rites on

10.30 Late Night Movie: One version of George Barr McCutcheon comedy about an ordinary man who must spend a million dollars in a month's time to receive major inheritance.  
12.20 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## FRIDAY

- 2.00 Holy Quran  
2.10 Cartoons  
2.30 Sports Studio  
6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons  
6.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, music and sketches are featured in this variety show.  
7.00 Walt Disney Films: "The Case of Busters". Two children — aged 12 and 14 — help the police to arrest criminals.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Summer '88  
8.50 Beauty and the Beast: "Down to the Sunless Sea". Catherine's boyfriend returns after five years and asks her to renew their relationship... Starring: Linda Hamilton, Ron Perlman.  
9.40 227: trouble erupts after the new buyer of Bldg. 227 decides to demolish it... Comedy.  
10.00 Guinness Book of World Records  
10.30 Nam: Tour of Duty: new series about the US involvement in Vietnam in 1967.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

"Yum Al Arafah" (The Day of Arafah) from Saudi Arabia from 11.45 to 2.30 pm.

2.30 Hadith Deed: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Muawali Sharawi.  
5.00 The Haj Rites are broadcast once again, live from Saudi Arabia.

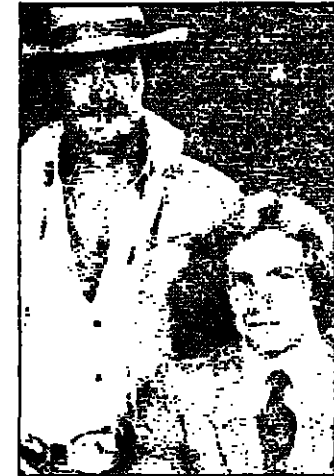
7.30 A Seminar on Islamic Philosophy: "The Rights of Man." Presented by Ahmad Faraj. Guests are Dr Ahmad Kamal Abu Majd, Dr Fuad Mohammad Al Nadi and Dr Saleem Al Awa.

8.25 Kul Al Fumoon: focus on arts in the Arab world, directed by Samir Sharidah.  
9.50 Wrestling  
10.45 Naseeb: ep. 8, weekly Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Jaber, Maryam Saleh, Abdullah Al Jabir, Khalil Ismael. Produced by Kuwait Television. Directed by Mohammad Abdus Salaam.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Good Morning  
9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial  
10.15 Thamar Al Shok: Arabic serial, featuring Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfik, Fatima Tabae.  
11.15 Ablah Munira: Arabic serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Jabar, Saad Ardash, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Al Mane'a.  
12.15 Alf Bi' Al Matbakh: a programme on Arabic cooking.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Songs and Music  
2.35 Fursan Al Hikmah: Arabic serial.  
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons  
4.20 Hikayat Al Ayyam Al Asebah: Starring Khalil Shawki, Yusuf Al Aani, Suad Abdullah.  
6.00 Al Fanan Saghira: The Young Artist  
7.00 Noor Al Islam prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir  
7.20 Nazrat Alal Alam  
7.50 Hamaat Al Watan: local serial  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Naar wa Duqqan:



The Simon brothers are in trouble in Simon and Simon, tonight, KTV 2.

daily Arabic serial starring Kamal Shinawi, Shirhan, Mustafa Fahmi, Ahmad Badr.  
10.50 Al Liqa Al Thani: weekly Arabic serial: "Rainbur Taj", starring Badi, Mahmoud Yassin, Mohammad Kharfi.  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 World News via Satellite  
12.25 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 4.00 Holy Quran  
4.05 Cartoons  
4.30 Football match: Argentina vs Saudi Arabia (recording)  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Naar wa Duqqan:

- 6.10 Duck Tales: "Armstrong." New Disney cartoon series for young viewers about the adventures of Donald Duck.  
6.30 God's Wonderful Railway: "Clear Ahead." Robby Grant prepares his grandson to become a railwayman.  
7.00 Survival: "The Million Dollar Weed." A look at efforts to preserve plantlife on the Californian coast.  
7.30 Alf: "Wedding Bell Blues." Due to misunderstanding Alf leaves home.  
8.00 News in English  
8.25 Simon and Simon: "New Cop in Town." A policeman accuses the Simons of complicity in a case of theft and murder. Starring: Gerald McRaney, Jameson Parker.  
9.30 Football match: Kuwait vs Bahrain. Live from Amman.  
10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Max and Sam." A bank fraud is discovered...  
11.30 News in brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

- Morning  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Cultural Horizon  
0930 Reggae Rock  
1000 Our Free Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1000 The Years of Pops  
1100 Closedown  
Evening  
2100 Opening  
2102 Songs and Music  
2130 News  
2145 Point of View  
2155 Songs and Music  
2200 Kuwait in a Week  
2215 Rock On  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Strictly Romantic  
2330 Amazing Facts  
2400 Closedown

## Urdu

- 1900 Opening  
1910 Behereen Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Jaizah  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Dhanak  
2100 Closedown

## BBC World Services

- 0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newswire  
30 Personal View  
45 Recording of the Week  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Guitar Workshop  
45 Nature Notebook  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK (ex 2nd Sports-world)  
30 People and Politics (ex 30th)  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Europe's World  
45 Business Matters  
0400 Newswire  
30 Here's Humph! 45 Reflections  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Personal View  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newswire  
30 Meridian  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From the Weeklies  
45 Network UK (ex 2nd Sports-world)  
0800 World News

- 09 Reflections  
15 A Jolly Good Show  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Personal View  
1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph!  
15 Letter from America.  
30 People and Politics (ex 30th)  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The A-Z of Hollywood (ex 2nd and 23rd Sports-world)  
30 Meridian  
1200 Radio Newswire  
15 Multitrack 3  
45 Sports Roundup  
ALL TIMES GMT

## FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Spanish Hour  
1800 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Indian Classical Hour  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Music  
0200 Closedown

## PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.27 am  
Zuhr 11.54  
Asr 3.29 pm  
Maghreb 6.48  
Isha 8.18

## NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait  
Dubai Pharmacy  
Mohd. Ali Rida Bldg., Souk Waqif, Algers St.  
Al Kawther Pharmacy  
nr. Murgab police stn., Abdullah Al Mubarak St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Kindi Pharmacy  
nr. Asian Olympic Council, Jabriya  
Salmyia and Rumaithiya  
Al Qortuba Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Fahsheel and Ahmadi  
Al Burgan Pharmacy  
Souk Sabah, F'heel  
Khalitan  
Al Wahda Pharmacy  
Main St.  
Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
New Market

## CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus  
Laila Al Kadd Ala Bakaiza  
Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)  
Starring: Suhair Bahl, Issad Yunus  
Al Sahmyia  
Police Academy IV  
Starring: Steve Guttenberg, Bubba Smith  
Al Hamra  
Al Nimr Wal Uns (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim  
Drive-In  
Hikayat Nisf Million Dollar (Arabic)  
Starring: Yahya Fakhriani, Iham Shahin  
Al Firdous  
Jheel Ke Us Paar (Hindi)

- Starring: Dharmendra, Mumtaz  
Fahsheel Open-Air  
Kunwara Baap (Hindi)  
Starring: Rajesh Khanna  
Al Fahsheel  
Mother Lode  
Al Jahra  
Eat the Rich  
Granada  
The Guns and Fury  
Salaibkhat  
Kalimat Al Sarr (Arabic)  
Al Jleeb  
Anatharaman (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
The Man in the Wilderness

## WHAT'S ON

## SOCIAL

**German-speaking Cultural Association**  
The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

**Summer Belle 88**  
The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

**Y.M.C.A.**  
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

## D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

**Onam Festival**  
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumppilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

## ARTS

**German Painting Exhibition**  
An exhibition of German paintings at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel, open daily until July 20.

More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German Embassy in Kuwait.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## HOTELS

**Al Hilton**  
La Palma has introduced a lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzes, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight. Beat the summer heat at the La Patisserie, offering ice cream creations, fresh fruit juice and fruit cocktail creations.

Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. In the evenings, listen to piano music played by the in-house pianist Richard.

**At the Continental**  
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

**At the Ramada**  
El Bender coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks. The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Tropical melon delights are being promoted in various outlets at the hotel... Al Ahmadi coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered.

**At the Meridian**  
La Brasserie, open from 12 noon to 4 pm, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

**At the Sheraton**  
Mangoes in the coffee shop: dishes featuring the mango will be offered for a week. Dine in the Riccardo restaurant to enjoy Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna Duo.

Every Sunday, enjoy Lebanese cuisine at the Al Hambra, which features seafood specialties every Wednesday night. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers authentic English atmosphere and features a selection of the best grilled food; music by the solo harpist, Harp Dreams.

## SPORTS

**PBAK bowling tournament**  
The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang — 4843447.

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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

If a woman once makes up her mind to marry a man, nothing but instant flight can save him — W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965).

## Kampuchean leader's resignation

## Sihanouk puzzles friends and foes

By Paul Wedel

BANGKOK, (UPI): Kampuchean resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk has once again confounded his enemies and confused his friends.

Just when all seemed set for Sihanouk to lead his coalition into long-awaited informal peace talks with Vietnam and its Phnom Penh client regime, the Prince abruptly resigned Monday as president of the three-party resistance coalition and retreated to Paris.

The resignation stunned and puzzled diplomats, including Secretary of State George Shultz, who only days earlier gave Sihanouk full backing as the key figure in a political settlement to the nine-year-old Kampuchean conflict.

When Sihanouk left Bangkok the reasons for his resignation were murky but by the time he arrived in Paris Tuesday morning, the target was clearly the Khmer Rouge, who are blamed for the deaths of one to two million Kampuchians during their 1975-79 rule and are ostensibly his partners in the resistance coalition.

"The Khmer Rouge, instead of attacking the Vietnamese who are leaving certain parts in Kampuchea, are turning against the (Sihanouk loyalists), and they are beginning to liquidate Sihanoukism," the prince told reporters.

## Ally

The inscrutable Sihanouk, who seems to have more political lives than the proverbial cat, was a strong US ally in the 1960s and turned his back to US bombing during the Vietnam war. He was ousted in a US-supported coup in 1970 but with the Khmer Rouge victory in 1975, he returned to a short-lived triumph in Phnom Penh before being ousted again. After years of exile in China, Sihanouk has once again been embraced by Washington as its key to a Kampuchean settlement.

It would be hard to find an analyst who expects that Sihanouk's resignation — not his first — will be his last word in the mysterious world of Kampuchean politics.

## Airbus fiasco has implications for SDI

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The US Navy's downing of an Iranian Airbus has spotlighted what some experts say is a pervasive US military problem — heavy reliance on fallible computers to warn of attacks and tell friend from foe.

It is a problem, they say, that afflicts not only warships like the high-tech cruiser Vincennes — whose captain said he hit the Airbus thinking it was a warplane — but America's vital nuclear early warning system as well.

Defence scientists say computer weaknesses are also likely to hamstring the "Star Wars" anti-missile programme and a proposed "deep strike" system that could in theory stop Soviet tanks with robot-guided non-nuclear munitions.

"In the fog of war, these systems come unglued," said a Pentagon arms expert. Many private defence analysts share this view, but most Defence Department officials are much more enthusiastic about high-tech systems. Navy officials stand squarely behind the Vincennes' costly computerised Aegis combat system.

## Blasted

On July 3, Vincennes, mistaking the Airbus for a much smaller Iranian F-14, blasted it with two missiles. All 290 people on board died. Washington has promised compensation.

The Navy is probing the incident, investigating evidence that the Airbus had emitted a military identification signal, confusing Vincennes. Also at issue are reports from two nearby US warships that the plane was flying a steady course, not descending as if to attack as Vincennes claimed.

Aegis, named after the infallible shield carried by the Greek God Zeus, had been the pride of the Navy's surface fleet.

The resignation gives Sihanouk more room to manoeuvre as efforts to settle the conflict reach a critical phase.

It reinforces his demand for even stronger safeguards against the return of the Khmer Rouge, who remain the most powerful military faction in the resistance.

## Retreat

His retreat to France, instead of his regular places of exile in Beijing or North Korea, hints at dissatisfaction with China, which has recently started to distance itself from its Khmer Rouge clients.

Sihanouk clearly would like an even stronger Chinese commitment to cutting supplies and backing for the Khmer Rouge to prevent them regaining power. His personal return to the coalition would be a useful bargaining chip for such purposes.

He would also like better weapons and supplies for his own military forces.

Despite his carefully cultivated image as the "mercenary prince," Sihanouk's seemingly emotional actions have often won him tactical advantage in a game in which he has only his popularity and guile to employ against the superior military force of his opponents.

He carefully ensured that his group would stay in the coalition and be quickly nominated his son, Prince Ranariddh, to represent the group at informal peace talks set for July 25 outside Jakarta, Indonesia.

Sihanouk said he would not take part in the talks himself, but might just happen to visit Jakarta at the time to pay his respects to Indonesia's President Suharto. This would enable Sihanouk to keep a close watch on the talks without lending his personal prestige to them and allow him to influence them without risking blame if they fail.

No Kampuchean solution can be reached without special consideration for Sihanouk, who is recognised as the only figure who can hold the country together following a political settlement.

The prince's latest manoeuvre has only re-emphasised his importance as the master of a game that will decide the fate of his battered nation.

By David Crary

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa. (AP): Rock 'n' Roll stars perform in his honour. Archbishop Desmond Tutu calls him "my leader." Publishing his picture is illegal in South Africa, but even toddlers chant his name. Nelson Mandela, who turns 70 on Monday (July 18), is probably the world's most influential prisoner. Although jailed since 1962, he is the most admired leader among South African blacks, seen by many as the embodiment of their quest for political freedom.

## Foe

His birthday, celebrated by protest marches and rock concerts overseas, has reminded the government of the legions of people worldwide who want him released. Blacks spanning South Africa's ideological spectrum, as well as many whites, say no political breakthrough can occur while Mandela is behind bars.

"Nothing the South African government can do will gain credibility while it treats Dr Mandela as a dangerous enemy," said Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi in a recent

speech. "Black South Africa will not rest until he is free."

Buthelezi is a bitter foe of the African National Congress, the outlawed guerrilla movement which Mandela led from underground prior to his imprisonment. But Buthelezi, like other blacks who oppose the ANC's strategy of violence, sets Mandela apart and discusses him with deep respect.

President P.W. Botha's government has toyed with the idea of freeing Mandela, and several times in recent years there were flurries of speculation that his release was imminent. One such period came last November when authorities freed Govan Mbeki, one of seven ANC leaders sentenced along with Mandela to life prison terms in 1964 for plotting a sabotage campaign aimed at overthrowing white-minority rule.

The speculation was swiftly dampened when police imposed severe restrictions on Mbeki. Since then, government officials have indicated Mandela's release is unlikely unless he publicly renounces violence — a condition he rejects unless the ANC is unbanned and apartheid is dismantled. Aubrey Mokoena, an activist

## South African black leader turns 70

## Mandela gaining stature during years in jail



Nelson Mandela

closely associated with the Mandela family, said Mandela "has grown in stature and charisma" during his imprisonment.

"He towers over the broad apparatus of apartheid," Mokoena said last week. "The Botha regime is completely dwarfed."

When convicted for sabotage, Mandela already had served two years in prison, having received a five-year sentence in 1962 for incitement and leaving the country illegally.

Mandela spent the first 18 years of his life sentence on Robben Island in Cape Town's Table Bay. He was transferred in 1982

to Pollsmoor prison in Cape Town, where he is reported in good physical and mental health.

He reads uncensored newspapers and is expected to earn an advanced law degree later this year through correspondence courses. He was a practicing lawyer before he went underground and has been awarded honorary doctorates from various universities during his imprisonment.

## Struggle

Former co-prisoners describe Mandela as soft-spoken and gentlemanly, frequently sought after by other inmates for advice. He reportedly has a spacious cell with access to a rooftop garden.

The government has given permission to Mandela's family to have a six-hour reunion with him Monday at Pollsmoor, by far the longest such meeting since he was jailed.

Mandela's wife, Winnie, has asked that the birthday be observed "as a day of peace, in line with the peaceful struggle we have always tried to maintain."

She has not commented publicly about the recent series of bombings of civilian targets in South Africa — attacks which

police officials blame on the ANC.

Dr Nthato Motlana, an anti-apartheid activist from Soweto and an ANC member before it was outlawed in 1960, said Mandela sought to avoid civilian casualties.

He resorted to a strategy of sabotage in 1961 "because all other avenues were exhausted," Motlana said. "He is the one man who, assuming he is willing, could lead us out of this mess."

Buthelezi also views Mandela as a potential peacemaker, as perhaps the only person capable of ending a bloody power struggle in Natal province between militant ANC supporters and more conservative blacks who follow Buthelezi.

## Release

"I believe he (Mandela) would come out of jail to thump anybody... who set black brother against brother on the eve of the final victory over apartheid," Buthelezi said.

Some South Africans believe Mandela causes more trouble for the government in jail than he would if freed. Some warn of a violent black backlash if he dies in prison.

The largest daily newspaper, the Star, recently urged Mandela's release on pragmatic grounds.

"His continuing incarceration symbolises the political cancer with which this country is afflicted," the Star editorialised.

"Should Mandela die in prison, he will be accorded universal political canonisation and Pretoria will attract even more censure. Once he is free, the Mandela myth would be cut down to size."

The world hears from Mandela himself primarily through past statements which relatives and colleagues continue to quote.

In one such statement, from his 1964 trial, he envisions a democratic, racially harmonious South Africa and adds: "It is an ideal which I hope to live for and achieve, but if need be I will die for which I am prepared to die."

In 1985, he rejected Botha's offer of conditional release.

"I cannot and will not give any undertaking at a time when I and you the people are not free," he said in a statement. "Your youngest daughter, Zinzi. Your freedom and mine cannot be separated. I shall return."

## US cartoonists find Bush 'wimpish' and Dukakis 'boring'

By David Zimmerman

NEW YORK, (Reuters): Michael Dukakis is so boring and George Bush so "wimpish" that they risk falling off the drawing boards of some of America's leading political cartoonists, the artists say.

The cartoonists were speaking to Reuters just days before the Democrats formally name Dukakis their presidential candidate on Monday and weeks before the Republicans crown Vice President Bush to lead them in the Nov 8 election.

The artists say that Ronald Reagan is still an easy target for their humour.

"Dukakis is so controlled and he plays his cards so close to his chest that he's hard to get a fix on for voters, not to mention cartoonists," says Doug Marlette, the 1988 Pulitzer prize winner for cartooning.

"He's so dull that cartoonists tend to caricature that dullness. I just did one on sheep counting Dukakis."

"Bush is less of a control freak. I (once) had him fighting his own shadow. He lends himself to the wimp factor," said Marlette, who draws for the Atlanta Constitution.

"Reagan, he's terrific," he continued. "His entire adminis-

tration is a cartoon. There's a kind of cheerful obliviousness about him."

Berke Breathed, the 1987 Pulitzer prize winner who draws the strip "Bloom County," said that he finds Bush and Dukakis "really boring."

"As far as hunkering down over a drawing board, you need someone exciting, like (Jesse) Jackson," he said of the black civil rights leader who challenged Dukakis for the democratic nomination.

Carry Trudeau, the creator of "Doonesbury," who in 1975 became the first cartoonist to win a Pulitzer for his column, draws Bush as an invisible man, with only words appearing.

## Wimp

Herblock of the Washington Post, the doyen of US editorial cartoonists, recently depicted Bush as a petulant preppie (one who has attended a privileged preparatory school) in a blazer waving a pennant emblazoned "Beat Russia."

Paul Conrad of the Los Angeles Times, another Pulitzer prize winner, puts it bluntly:

"Have you ever drawn a wimp? With Bush, you just draw a wimp. I've only done Dukakis three or four times. There's really no need, as far as I'm concerned. There's nothing there, other than the fact that he's never said anything."

Dwaine Powell of the Raleigh News and Observer in North Carolina says Dukakis is easy to draw because he has a "large nose, heavy eyebrows and his head is a little bit too big, like if it rolls around too many times it will roll off his shoulders."

## Easy

"Bush is very, very bland to do. I keep reading about how popular he was in school, about his war record, but I don't see any of this in the man. I get the impression of a guy who doesn't have an original thought in his head."

"One real cheap shot I took was when he kept denying knowledge of the Iran-Contra affair. I drew him with his hands saying 'No one can question you any more,' and he had stitches in his head showing his brain had been removed..."

"Reagan is easy to do, but he's so loved by the public that they're always objecting to what you draw. I usually wind up doing him as a bumbling oaf."

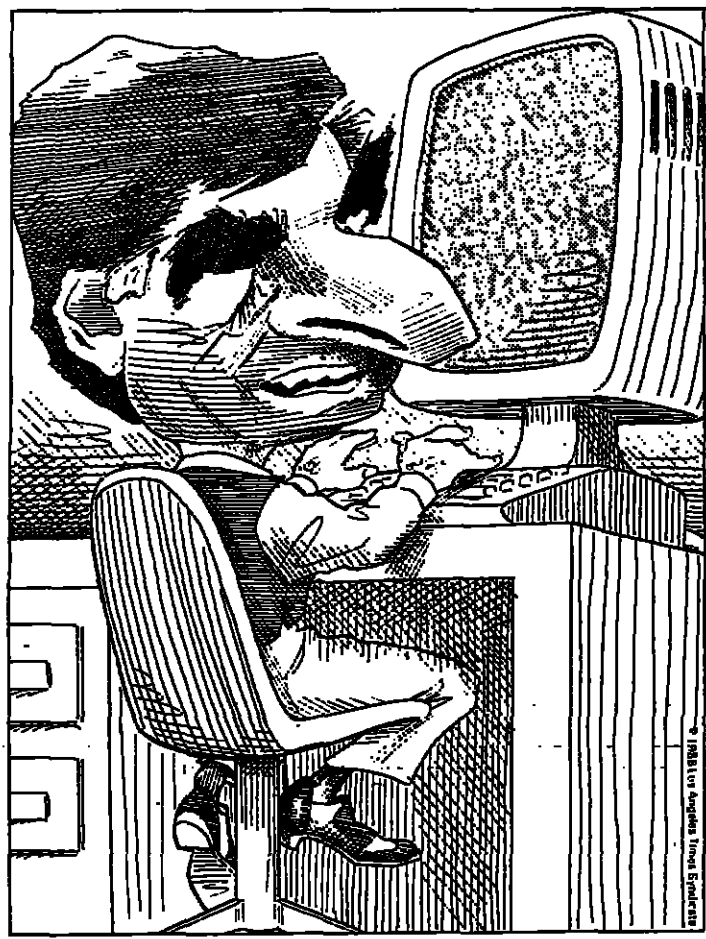
Paul Rigby of New York's Daily News, America's biggest circulation general interest newspaper, agrees that Reagan provides steady comedy relief. "The bumbling oaf is always good for a laugh," he says.

He also predicts that the five-foot, eight-inch (1.7-metre) Dukakis, overshadowed on TV last month by drought-withered Iowa corn, "eventually will come to be a very tiny figure among cartoonists."

"Bush," he went on, "has this exaggerated great dome and little chin. He'll become blander and blander. Maybe a wimpier smile will be left, something like the Cheshire cat."

"They (Bush and Dukakis) really have to do something. They're in danger of falling off the drawing board because they're so boring."

But dullness is not necessarily a political liability, says James Beniger of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Southern California.



MICHAEL DUKAKIS

## India produces assembly-line graduates

By Shiv Cariappa

BOSTON: Education in India hasn't changed much since the days of the British Raj. Primary school children still repeat the day's memorised lesson, and near the end of the school year, students frantically cram prepared answers for their final examinations.

Many Indians complain that their school curriculum is the legacy of the British colonial days — an anachronistic and entrenched mode of instruction that produces assembly-line graduates who are seldom taught to question and think creatively.

Gloria de Souza, a former schoolteacher in Bombay, hopes to radically overhaul the way children are taught in India through a system of learning called Environmental Studies (EVS).

## Remedies

In recent interview with the Monitor, Ms de Souza said she wants children to get away from the rigid textbook-based syllabuses teeming with everyday examples of European life, away from dictated class notes mechanical memorisation serves as a "crutch for non-comprehension."

So far, de Souza is making

some headway. In Bombay, which has one of the world's largest school systems, consisting of 700,000 pupils, city officials are adopting her EVS approach. And in 1986, the Indian government mandated her method as the standard of instruction in all schools Grades 1 through 3.

EVS is distinctly Indian-oriented, and it emphasises problem-solving by introducing students to their natural and man-made environments, de Souza says. It remedies the current "dehumanising system of learning" that produces "mindless rote-learners."

De Souza questions the relevance of the traditional Indian school curriculum to Indian children. She says the accent should be Indian-centred and away from its Western bias. She was especially dismayed when she asked older students what they planned to do after leaving high school — and 90 per cent said they set their sights on going abroad and not returning.

"What really struck me was that I was part of a system that did not offer students sufficient information about their own country," she says. "That India, despite its problems, has such a proud heritage. If we expect things to change, then the answer is not to escape from them or to

have a defeatist attitude."

In 1982, de Souza set up the Pariser Asha Environmental Education Centre in Bombay. Pariser Asha is from the Sanskrit derivatives for "hope" and "environment." The centre, assisted by UNICEF and several foundations, has served to help spread her philosophy of learning.

## Learners

She says EVS is based on the principle that "all students, if given the chance, are natural learners when made aware of their political, social, cultural and physical surroundings. Through this interaction, you grow by discovering your values and attitudes."

In EVS during the monsoon season, for example, third-grade children experiment with water and its forms — solid, liquid, and vapour. Frequent drought in India makes water an important subject. So the class is encouraged to draw conclusions dealing with the water cycle — condensation and evaporation. Children are also exposed to Indian plant and animal life spawned by the rains.

Schoolchildren in Bombay learn history on field trips or with audiovisual lessons. They view ancient temples, forts, and mon-

uments, comparing the architecture with buildings nearby. De Souza cites an example of students taken to the gigantic Gateway of India arch in Bombay, the site where in 1911 the viceroy of India received King George VI and Queen Mary. Students observed the patterns on the arch signifying Hindu and Mogul influences. "This way history comes alive to them," she says. She has also designed lessons specific for tribal and rural children, most of whom are first-generation learners.

"Many children were being taught about robins, blue birds, and willow trees, which they never saw in India," says Michael Northrop, executive director of the Washington-based Ashoka Foundation, which has helped fund her project. "They learn about Trevor and Rover and London Bridge and not about their own country, but some distant land where they all want to go and not return."

Northrop says the foundation supports de Souza because her methods — given the Indian orientation of her approach — could serve as a catalyst for social change in the country.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service

## Arab states reducing their dependence on US

By Lee Stokes

MANAMA, (UPI): Arab states in the Gulf are reducing their dependence on the United States by looking elsewhere to buy arms, but because of the need for US support they have been reluctant to criticize Washington over last week's downing of an Iranian airliner.

Concerned that any US withdrawal from the volatile Gulf could leave them exposed to Iran's military superiority, the oil-rich states have tipped around the issue of US culpability in the death of the 290 persons aboard Iran Air flight 655 that was hit by a missile fired by a US cruiser. Instead, they have blamed the tragedy on Iran's refusal to end the almost 8-year-old war with Iraq.

But that same feeling of vulnerability to Iran has led them to shop outside the United States for weapons in the face of bans on sales imposed by the US Congress because of perceived threats to Israel's security.

## Deal

Weekend announcements that Saudi Arabia would buy Tornado fighter-bombers valued at \$12 billion from Britain and that Kuwait had signed an arms deal with the Soviet Union for unspecified weapons were the latest evidence of the trend away from the United States which has dominated the Gulf arms market.

The Gulf Arabs had troubles with Iran even under the rule of the Shah, but their concern over their powerful neighbour multiplied sharply with the advent of

Iran's Islamic revolution.

Both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait "believe the US military presence in the Gulf is a key factor in keeping the Iranians at bay," a Western diplomat said.

Kuwait, which considers itself the most vulnerable of the Gulf states because of its position on the edge of the warfront, last summer placed 11 of its reflagged tankers under US Navy escort.

## Reflagged

It also reflagged two of its tankers with the Soviet ensign in a little-publicized move, although the Soviet Navy does not protect the ships travelling through the Gulf like the US Navy does.

Kuwait has not hesitated to play one superpower against the other in what it sees as a deadly survival game. Three years ago, it purchased \$325 million of Soviet

Sam-7 anti-aircraft missiles and other arms after Congress rejected a request for Stinger missiles.

The Arabs realise that they cannot rely on the United States to contain the Iranian threat forever.

The downing of the Iranian airliner aroused fears Washington may re-examine its policy in the Gulf and pull out, so the Gulf states want to strengthen their arsenal of sophisticated weapons to make up for a lack of manpower.

Kuwait has earmarked \$ 5.5 billion for weapon purchases over the next decade but said a Senate vote to exclude the sale of Maverick air-to-ground missiles from a \$1.9 billion agreement involving the sale of 40 advanced F-18 fighter jets to Kuwait may place the whole deal in jeopardy.

## Millionaire Bentsen

## Businessman's Democrat

By Laurence McGuillan

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): US Senator Lloyd Bentsen, proposed as the Democratic Party's vice-presidential candidate, is a silver-haired, self-made millionaire known as a businessman's Democrat.

The 67-year-old nattily-tailored Texan has been called aloof and patrician by those who find his reserved style at odds with the back-slapping, hand-grabbing politeness which normally roams the halls of Congress.

"He's a gentleman," says one member of his Senate staff. "He's demanding and tough, but he's always polite."

Bentsen has become one of the most powerful members of the Senate, with Democrats and Republicans quick to praise his even-handed approach as chairman of the chamber's important finance committee.

He was instrumental in

providing the Democrats with a major campaign issue this year when he led the drive for passage of a trade measure that was vetoed by President Reagan because it included a plant-closing provision that would have required companies to give workers 60 days notice of layoffs or a shutdown of operations.

The veto was backed by Vice-President George Bush, the Republican presidential candidate, and Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis is citing it as an example of Republican insensitivity to working people.

Bentsen also took the lead in passage of a major federal health care measure that will provide elderly Americans with insurance coverage in the event of a catastrophic illness.

Bentsen has also led the fight to repeal the windfall profits tax on the oil industry.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1644 — Parliamentarian forces take York from royalists in England.
- 1647 — Mananiello, leader of Naples revolt against Spain, is assassinated.
- 1809 — Revolt breaks out in upper Peru against Spanish authority.
- 1855 — Britain's parliament establishes responsible government throughout Australian states, except for Western Australia.
- 1918 — Russia's Tsar Nicholas II and his family are executed by the Bolsheviks.
- 1921 — Greek forces defeat Turks at Kutania in Turkey.
- 1925 — First elected parliament in Iraq opens in Baghdad.
- 1941 — German forces pierce Soviet Stalin line and take Smolensk in World War II.
- 1945 — First atomic bomb is exploded over desert in New Mexico, USA, during World War II, heralding start of atomic age.
- 1949 — Chinese Nationalists organise supreme council under Chiang Kai-Shek which begins to move forces to Taiwan.
- 1951 — Belgium's King Leopold III abdicates and is succeeded by his son Baudouin.
- 1966 — India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi ends visit to Moscow with promise of \$1 billion in Soviet aid for her country.
- 1969 — US Apollo 11 spacecraft is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, to attempt first manned landing on moon.
- 1987 — Haitian opposition leaders call for general strike to demand resignation of military-dominated government.



By Robert Hall

FOR years, singing superstar Annie Lennox has been the woman of rock... outrageously changing her image from gender-bender to sex siren. And how it has worked?

As the distinctive voice and several faces behind the successful pop group Eurythmics, she has watched her records sell in millions and her concerts sell out in hours. Along with David Bowie, she has become one of pop's masters of disguise.

In the video which accompanied the hit record, *Who's That Girl?* Annie played both male and female leads. In another, she made a quick change from blonde to butch by whipping off a wig. America's moral majority dubbed her a transvestite, while newspapers labelled her the Queen of Gender-bending.

But now all that is changing. The prospect of motherhood it seems is taming the once wild girl of the charts.

Annie is pregnant with filmmaker Uri Fruchtmann's child, which is due in December, and the brazen, temptress look has gone. She is still wearing leather trousers and jackets but the realisation that she is to be a mum has softened her.

**Doubts**  
Now her concerts — she intends to keep performing for as long as she can before the birth — are about making music rather than headlines. The baby has also put an end, once and for all, to the doubts that existed about her sexuality.

Speculation began in American minds after they saw the band's video for its first hit single, *Love is a Stranger*, in 1982. The promotional film featured Annie's wig scene in which she showed her carrot-coloured crew cut, and was swiftly banned.

But the controversy didn't stop the Eurythmics, a musical partnership formed with her former lover Dave Stewart, from conquering America, along with most of the other countries in the world, when the group released its next single, *Sweet Dreams*.

The song signalled the beginning of a series of successful records, including *Right By Your Side* and *Sexcrime*, which shows no sign of coming to an end.

## Will motherhood tame Lennox?

These days, however, her hair is still short — but not severely so — and she's not often seen in men's clothes.

"When I was a child I had a lot of fantasies," she explains. "Being in the Eurythmics is like living them all. The wigs, the videos, even seeing myself on magazine covers — it's like a dream in many ways."

"So much was made of my masculinity — the press kept talking about it — that I just thought I'd take it to extremes, play with it a bit. Dressing up as a man wasn't enough — I had to be a man. I thought it would be like mud in the eye for a lot of people."

"I like looking different all the time, playing with make-up and clothes. But now I think I can be myself more and not worry what others say about me. I used to take things so much to heart."

**Change**  
Motherhood has certainly done a lot to change Annie. But the first signs of a turnaround in her life came with her sudden and short-lived marriage to German Hare Krishna devotee, Radha Raman. The decision to wed shocked even Annie.

She explains: "It was just something that came about. I didn't even know that I was going to get married. I hadn't thought of it as something to bring me security. There was something very nice and stabilising about it, but I didn't do it to achieve stability."

Annie met Radha backstage when he was brought along to a Eurythmics concert by a friend. They were married in a matter of months. "I consulted my parents about it and they didn't want me to go ahead with it," she recalls.

"I'd rather not talk about what went wrong. It's too personal, too close to the bone. But my mother and father were completely freaked out about it. Dave was very much like that, too."

"I'd be happy to talk about — but it would end up in every paper if I did. That's why I was secretive about getting married in the first place. With it being so fast, so unorthodox — I knew the press would go nuts about it."

As well as a flat in London,

Annie now owns a house in Switzerland. It's situated on the Italian border, not far from a Hare Krishna farm community. "I did move there because of that and its closeness to my husband," she admits. "But I also wanted a place in Europe that had some sun."

"It's the sort of place I'll go maybe one month a year — when it's hot. The house is on a mountain. It's very beautiful and has a nice view — but after I've been there for a week, I'm so bored. I've got to get away. Maybe when I'm a bit older, and making pots or breeding chickens, I'll spend a bit more time there."

**Hated**  
Annie Lennox was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Christmas Day 32 years ago. She was the only daughter of a working class family who didn't want their child to end up gutting fish in the local dockyard. She was sent to an all-girls school and was bright enough to enrol at London's Royal Academy of Music to study piano and flute.

"I was seventeen when I came to London," she recalls. "I wanted to be in a music ensemble or an orchestra because I was a fairly good flautist. After a bit, I hated it. Everyone was competing with each other and there was so much jealousy. It was possibly the biggest disappointment of my life."

"I worked so hard to fit in, to understand the tutors and my colleagues, but they were so sniffling, so rigid, so uninspiring. And I found that classical music, despite its emotion, which I loved, was so inflexible. "I had to break away. I left college after two years and moved into a flat with this guy who had a stereo — I'd never had a record player or any records at home."

Annie's next three years were spent in London, living in a variety of bedsits, doing odd jobs, running a second-hand clothes stall, waitressing, dabbling with small bands and writing songs. Then, one night in 1977, two musicians walked into the restaurant where she

was serving at tables.

Annie says: "They were Peet Coombes and Dave Stewart. The first words he said to me were, 'Will you marry me?' I thought he was a nutcase!"

"We went home and played and sang together. It was one of those rare nights of pure magic. We knew we had to work together. I knew Dave was someone special — he'd been married and divorced and was taking a lot of strange drugs — but from that night on we were inseparable."

**Debt**

Soon after that fateful meeting, the trio got together and formed the band, The Tourists. The outfit went on to enjoy reasonable success — notably with a hit single, *I Only Wanna Be With You*. But in late 1980, up to their necks in record company hassles, The Tourists finally split.

Returning from Australia to London more than £15,000 in debt, Annie and Dave resolved to work together on a new project, but not before they had

sorted out some proper ideas.

A year later, Eurythmics signed a record deal and left for Germany to record their debut album, *In The Garden*. The LP met with mixed reaction and the pressures on Annie and Dave to go on tour and promote it in turn led to pressures in their personal relationship.

Dave became seriously ill and had an operation to repair a collapsed lung, while Annie suffered a nervous breakdown.

Annie says: "It was a terrible time. We decided that though we were no longer lovers, the musical partnership should continue. I was having panic attacks and for months I couldn't go outside. The thought of shopping or going on the train brought on the anxiety. I went back to Aberdeen for a while to think things over and relax."

"Being without Dave was very strange — but being with him was even stranger. We'd been together every day for four years and had become so close the margins between us had become blurred. It was frightening — we both needed a break from each other."

Then, in 1982, she received a phone call from London. "Dave was really excited about some of the new songs he had," Annie says. "He played some down the phone and I knew we'd found our new direction."

The resulting album was *Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This)*. ... and it saw Eurythmics turn the corner from despair to stardom.

Now the band's popularity has reached such a peak in America that one of its songs is the theme tune to a big-budget soap opera. Film offers have been pouring in, a horse race has been named after them — and Annie was offered \$3 million to endorse Vidal Sassoon's hair care range.

She turned it down on the ground that she didn't want to be "some kind of consumer product".

Yet with Dave Stewart now happily married to former pop star Siobhan Fahey of Bananarama and Annie pregnant, some people are asking if Eurythmics are in danger of changing musical direction.

Annie vows that they won't. But as she has already shown us — change is what she's best at. Whether it be pop star, entertainer, gender-bender or mother.



Lennox with Eurythmics partner and former boyfriend Dave Stewart.

## UK top four remain static

NEW YORK, (AP): Cheap Trick's *Flame* stayed on for the second week in a row Wednesday as number one among best selling single pop records in the United States.

Four *Some Sugar On Me* by Def Leppard hopped up one notch to second place on the Cash Box Magazine chart. New Sensation by INXS vaulted from sixth to third spot.

Last week's number two hit, *Dirty Diana* by Michael Jackson, topped to fifth spot. Soaring into the Top Ten pop list was Steve Winwood's *Roll With It*, up from 13th to 6th.

Two other newcomers were *Hold On to the Night* by Richard Marx, up from 11th to 7th, and *Hands to Heaven* by Breathe, up from 16th to 10th.

Rosanne Cash took over the top of the Cash Box Magazine Country-and-Western singles chart with *If You Change Your Mind*. Michael Martin Murphey, along with Ryan Murphy, were second with *Talkin' to the Wrong Man*, and Vern Gosdin's *Set 'Em Up Joe* was third.

### US Top Ten

The Top Ten pop singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) *The Flame* — Cheap Trick (Epic).
2. (3) *Some Sugar On Me* — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
3. (6) *New Sensation* — INXS (Atlantic).
4. (4) *Mercedes Boy* — Pebbles (MCA).
5. (2) *Dirty Diana* — Michael Jackson (Epic).
6. (13) *Roll With It* — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
7. (11) *Hold On to the Night* — Richard Marx (EMI-Manhattan).
8. (8) *Nite and Day* — Al B. Sure (Uptown-Warner Brothers).
9. (5) *Foulish Beat* — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).
10. (16) *Hands to Heaven* — Breathe (A and M).

The Top Ten Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) *If You Change Your Mind* — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
2. (4) *Talkin' to the Wrong Man* — Michael Martin Murphey (with Ryan Murphy) (Warner Brothers).
3. (3) *Set 'Em Up Joe* — Vern Gosdin (Columbia).
4. (9) *Don't We All Have the Right* — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).
5. (6) *Workin' Man* (Nowhere to Go) — The Nititty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).
6. (10) *Baby Blue* — George Strait (MCA).
7. (8) *Goodbye Time* — Conway Twitty (MCA).
8. (11) *Fallin' Again* — Alabama (RCA).
9. (12) *Sunday Kind of Love* — Reba McEntire (MCA).
10. (14) *Don't Close Your Eyes* — Keith Whitley (RCA).

LONDON, (AP): Glenn Medeiros held the top spot with *Nothing's Gonna Change My Love* in a British pop singles chart whose top four places were unchanged from last week.

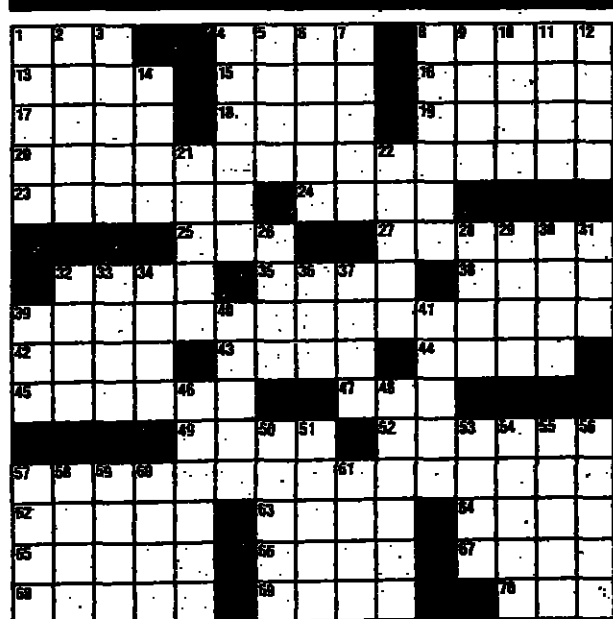
Push It, by female rap duo Salt 'n' Pepa held second place, followed by veteran Chubby Checker and the Fat Boys with a remake of his 1960s hit *The Twist*.

### UK Top Five

This week's Top Five singles, as listed by *On Price Music Ltd.*, the national music retail chain, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) *Nothing's Gonna Change My Love* — Glenn Medeiros (London).
2. (2) *Push It* — Salt 'n' Pepa (FRR).
3. (3) *The Twist* — Fat Boys and Chubby Checker (Urban).
4. (4) *Tribe* — Pasadena (CBS).
5. (12) *Roses Are Red* — Mac Band McCampbell Bros (MCA).

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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  - Jason's vessel
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  - Patriotic colors
  - Indonesian islands
  - Subsequent
  - Italian noble family
  - Part of a watch mechanism
  - Consume
  - Gaelic
  - Government body
  - Patriotic symbol
  - Plebe
  - Understanding words
  - Never before a horse
  - Coeur d'— Idaho
  - Precious
  - Sea eagle
  - Singing voice
  - Shade trees
  - Palmer peg
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- "Hostess with the mostest"
  - Oriental
  - nursemaids
  - Exhausts
  - Confutes
  - Love god
  - Farrier
  - Turkish official
  - Work segments
  - Pilgrimage to Mecca
  - Ben Adhem
  - Brook
  - Bit'sy's partner
  - Plentiful
  - Herb of the goosefoot family
  - Sky hunter
  - Kiss Me, —
  - Royal symbols
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  - Fall blooms
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  - Precise
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  - Alloyed plating
  - A Lauder
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
THE CHOICE ISN'T OBVIOUS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 10 4  
♥ A K J 9 5 3  
♦ 6  
♣ 8 4 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 5 2  
♥ 10 8  
♦ Q 10 4 3  
♣ K J 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ 9 7 6 3  
♥ Q 2  
♦ 9 7 5 2  
♣ 10 9 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 8  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ A K J 8  
♣ A Q 6

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♣ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♥

Strange as it might seem, finesses are not an easy subject for a bridge writer. A few days ago, we discussed a hand where the winning line was to avoid having to take a finesse. Today, the road to Eldorado lies in taking a finesse in a suit where you have no loser!

North-South were using transfer bids in response to no trump openings. Thus, North's two diamond response showed a heart suit, and his two spade rebid confirmed

game-going values and suggested interest in slam. Since South held a maximum no trump with filling cards in spades, he cue-bid his club ace, and North needed no further urging to go for slam.

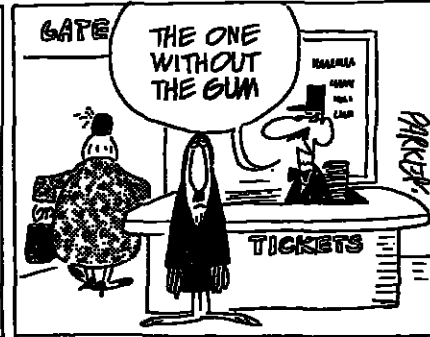
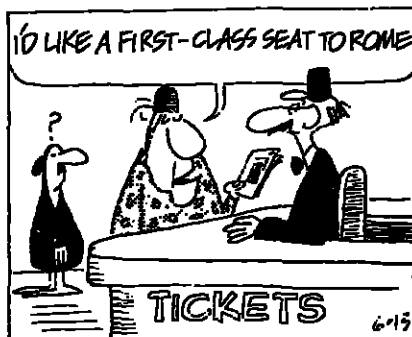
Wisely, West decided that he did not want to lead from any of his honors, so he chose a trump lead. That dissuaded declarer from even thinking about a finesse in the suit, and he was delighted to find the queen of trumps dropping on the second round.

It might seem that declarer could now afford to take finesses in both spades and clubs for his slam. If either were to succeed, a 75 percent chance, 12 tricks were there for the asking. However, declarer found a sure-trick line. At trick three he led a low diamond from dummy, intending simply to cover any card that East produced.

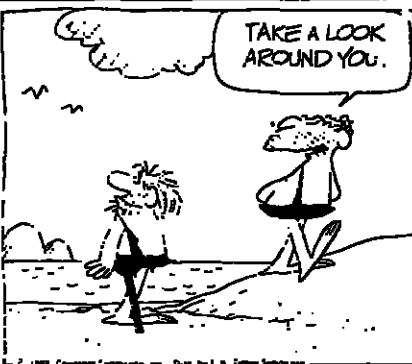
When East followed low, declarer inserted his eight. West won the trick cheaply enough with the 10, but he was well and truly employed. Whichever suit he returned would give declarer an extra trick in that suit: a diamond would allow three discards from dummy; a heart or a club would resolve declarer's problem in the suit led, and he would get sufficient discards from dummy on the ace-king of diamonds to take care of the other losers in the side suits.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



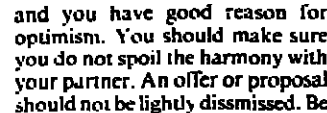
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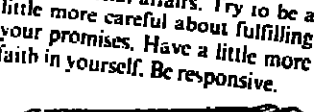
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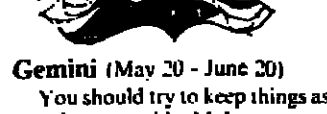
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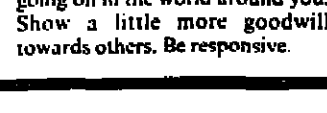
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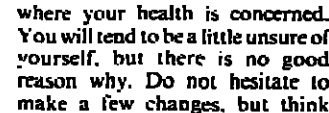
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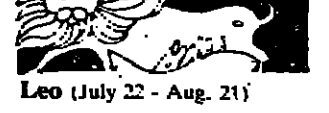
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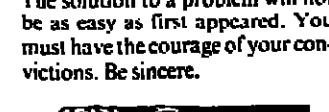
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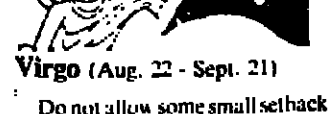
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)  
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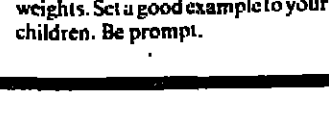
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Nothing will seem to go quite right today, never mind all will be well in the end provided you do not lose your head. Make sure you do not eat anything that you suspect might not agree with you.



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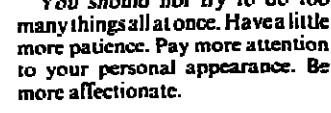
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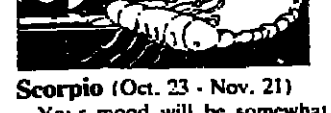
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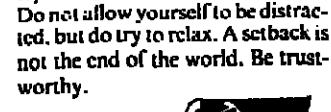
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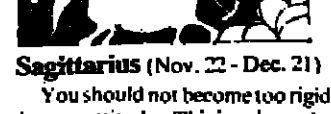
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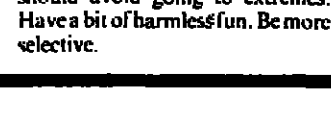
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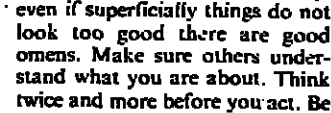
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You should keep your spirits up: even if superficially things do not look too good there are good omens. Make sure others understand what you are about. Think twice and more before you act. Be benevolent.



**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)  
Nothing will seem to go quite right today, never mind all will be well in the end provided you do not lose your head. Make sure you do not eat anything that you suspect might not agree with you.



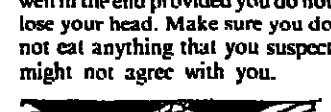
**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 19)  
You will be rather given to daydreams and fantasies and should restrain yourself. Avoid allowing your prejudices and resentments to influence your judgments.



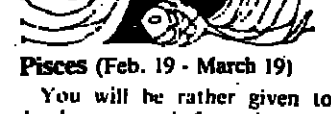
**Aries** (March 20 - April 19)  
The situation is more favourable and you have good reason for optimism. You should make sure you do not spoil the harmony with your partner. An offer or proposal should not be lightly dismissed. Be frank.



**Taurus** (April 19 - May 19)  
You must pay more attention to your financial affairs. Try to be a little more careful about fulfilling your promises. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be responsive.



**Gemini** (May 20 - June 20)  
You should try to keep things as simple as possible. Make sure you remain fully in touch with what is going on in the world around you. Show a little more goodwill towards others. Be responsive.



**Cancer** (June 21 - July 21)  
You should be more careful where your health is concerned. You will tend to be a little unsure of yourself, but there is no good reason why. Do not hesitate to make a few changes, but think about them first. Be malleable.



By Douglas Kennedy

FRANKFURT AIRPORT is a hypermarket with German subtleties; a vast mercantile crossroads which houses its very own supermarket; its very own McDonald's; a handful of delicatessens; three cinemas; a place to buy tourists' Lederhosen, traditional Alpine embroidered shirts, and other variations on a Heidi-style wardrobe; a specialty emporium trading in wirelapses and other surveillance devices; and — perhaps the airport's best-known establishment — Dr Muller's sex shop.

It is, in short, a shopping mall, showpiece and, as such, an embodiment of many of the standard preconceptions which exist about the Bundesrepublik Deutschland today — a nation which is supposedly as antiseptic and heavily deodorised as this ultra-modern airport; which has embraced the high-tech with a vengeance; which revels in its triumphant consumerism; and which is rumoured to be devoid of passion.

And, indeed, this stereotype of clinical efficiency is reinforced by your first encounter with the Autobahn — that expressway without speed limits which operates according to the rules of social Darwinism, and has its very own automotive hierarchy.

For here, the offspring of Mercedes-Benz and Bavarian Motor Works consider themselves to be the lords of a realm which believes in the Divine Right of 2,000cc engines. And if you — as a mere mortal in your 1,000cc vehicle — do not defer to their thunderous horsepower, you will quickly find yourself being threatened from the rear. Because, on the Autobahn, it is not the exhilaration of flying low at 125mph which motivates all these account executives in their saloon cars to put their foot to the floor. Rather, they seem to be asserting their mastery over a potentially lethal state-of-the-art machine, and therefore drive like highly disciplined technocrats who have suddenly become imbued with toxic energy.

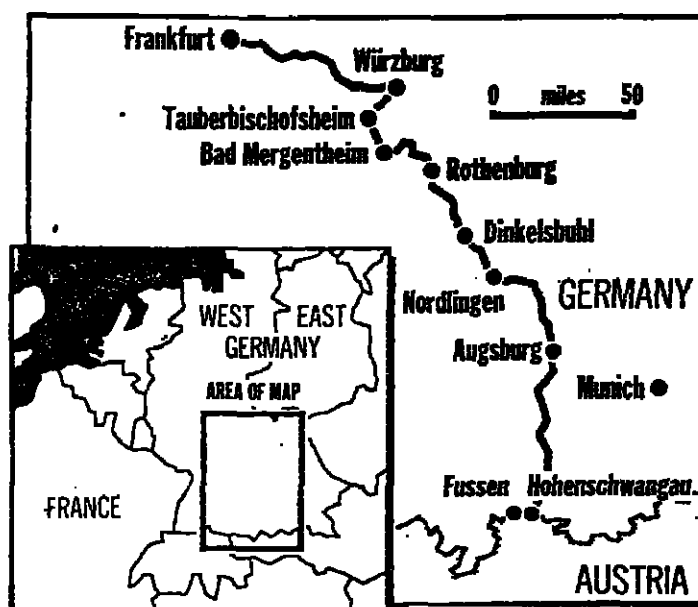
#### Pastoral

But there is a Germany far removed from such high-octane machismo; a Germany beyond the Autobahn and the microchip, which — at first sight — appears to be bound up in another era. On closer inspection, you discover this is a realm where the past isn't a foreign country, but is part of the familiar present. And so, to travel this strip of the landscape is to encounter a pastoral vision of Germany that is very much part of society today.

It is called die Romantische Strasse — the Romantic Road; a 350km strip of tarmac (made up of an interconnecting series of secondary and tertiary thoroughfares) that weaves its way through the fatty midriff of Franconia and Bavaria before hitting a dead-end on the Alpine border with Austria. En route, the road connects a remarkable series of mediaeval towns and cities which may have that "preserved in formaldehyde" look of authenticity, but which are definitely not museums. Indeed, though this collection of walled settlements and castellated hamlets is the last remnant of the Germany in myth, it would be wrong to classify the Romantic Road as some sort of Teutonic theme park.

Rather, what is most intriguing about this collection of pre-Renaissance lorry stops is that they remain working communities which behind their ornamental facades — have been updated to meet the demands of late 20th century life. And therefore — even though the very name "romantic road" was only invented in the early 1950s as a marketing ploy to bring visitors back through this region — the ersatz and the historically synthetic has little place here. Instead, a journey along this route gives one a quirky insight into the manifold complexities of contemporary Germany against a backdrop of its Gothic past. As I discovered when I set off recently to drive the full-length of this mediaeval cascade.

## Down the Romantic Road



1945, and now stands — in its rebuilt incarnation — as an exquisite lament for the zenith of both mediaeval Christianity and high German baroque.

#### Escape

For in 689 AD, three Irish missionaries — Kilian, Kolonat and Totnan — dropped into town, and used the city as their mission control centre for the spread of Christianity in Franconia. And though they were later martyred for their pains, they nonetheless managed to establish Würzburg as the area's major ecclesiastical metropolis — a fact reflected in the city's spiritual skyline of cathedral spires and church towers, best viewed from one of the more dazzling footbridges in Europe, the Alte Mainbrücke, along which Würzburg's patron saints have been posted as stone sentries, impervious to the architectural changes brought upon the city

by war, let alone nearby posters for a Michael Jackson concert.

But though Würzburg may be visually balanced between the apostolic Middle Ages, the extravaganzas of beau monde baroque (as characterised by the city's major landmark, the Residenz — a German Versailles completed in 1744 for the ruling Schönborn family, and a palace which gives new meaning to the term "nouveau riche"), and facsimile versions of those buildings flattened in '45, the city refreshingly resists all attempts at preciousness. Its annual Mozart festival is advertised alongside billboards for "American Superstars of Wrestling," and though possessing its own opera house and chamber orchestra (not to mention a major university) it seems more at home with the parochial pleasures of the Weinstraße — those shadowy, candlelit wine-cellers (of which the cavernous Burgerspital is the most renowned) where all strata of Würzburg society meet or linger over incessant bottles of the regional Frankenstein, and find momentary escape from the rigorous pragmatism of Germany today.

And this sense of distancing oneself from the Bundesrepublik's heavily industrial personality was reinforced once I hit the road out of Würzburg, and found myself traversing a vast open plateau, as flat as vacant as a prairie in Nowhere, USA — a visual tableau more worthy of Oklahoma than Franconia, though it is doubtful whether such absurdly verdant land exists in dusty old America, let alone whether you can turn off a minor highway in Oklahoma and find yourself in a mediaeval town which also (according to local touristic propaganda) happens to be "a place for fencing enthusiasts."

But Tauberbischofsheim, besides being the first significant detour on the way south, is also a prototype for many of the hamlets that line this route — gingerbread architecture, a handful of Gothic churches, a small place which once housed the local despot, and the usual cobbled streets. Only here as well — tucked away behind the chocolate box prettiness — one can also find the local Judo Abteilung, not to mention an Armeshop, outside of which members of what appeared to be the Tauberbischofsheim branch of Hell's Angels loitered with intent, sizing up a window display of some of the most malevolent looking flick knives.

I pushed off, heading due south through the Tauber valley, past the spawtown of Bad Mergentheim and the vineyards surrounding the village of Röttingen. But then, the road began progressively to

narrow and steepen, leading me across an elevated plain that was brilliantly lit by a late-afternoon sun which threw a malt-whisky tint on this expanse of intensely arable land. As scenic vistas go, it was pure over-the-top visual romanticism — especially since, on a hilltop in the distance, awash in this amber light, was the most magisterial of all the Romantic Road communities, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

#### Narcissistic

Indeed, from a distance, Rothenburg appears to be the proverbial "city on a hill" — aloof and narcissistic and essentially infatuated with its own aesthetic perfection. And perhaps it has every right to be so inclined, as it remains one of the most intact examples of mediaeval town planning left in Europe. Its walls are the original ramparts against which the town staved off the outside world in the Middle Ages; its central Markplatz is a small triumph of Gothic theatricality; it possesses an absurdly exquisite hillside park which commands a cinematic prospect of the entire sweep of the Tauber valley; its backstreets yield up heavily atmospheric Weinstuben which literally ooze Gemütlichkeit — in short, Rothenburg could have been invented by a mediaeval Laura Ashley, for it celebrates rustic good taste in extremis.

And yet, the town's superbly-composed facade almost disappeared in contemporary times, as nearly half of Rothenburg was razed during an Allied bombing raid in 1945, and the jigsaw complexity of the original cityscape had to be painstakingly reassembled in the years following the war, using the original town plans.

More remarkably, despite being the ultimate picture postcard, the town has steadfastly remained a living city, with more than 3,000 citizens residing behind its walls. And this has meant that, within its small historic confines, a supermarket, a cinema, a handful of Italian gelati joints, and even to fast food restaurants have all been carefully integrated into

the original architectural fabric of the city without disturbing it. Which makes Rothenburg one of the few places in the whole of the world where the local variation of a cheeseburger is served in an emporium which advertises itself with a hand-painted sign in Gothic lettering.

Of course, this determination to integrate 20th century convenience culture with a 14th century townscape is an obsessional (and frequently quirky) feature of many of the towns along the Romantic Road.

In Dinkelsbühl — a somewhat larger version of Rothenburg some 60km due south (a stretch of the route which brings one along a slalom course of scenic variations, in which archetypally lush rolling hills vie with eerily anorexic woodlands for domination of the landscape) — an entire school of ingenious domestic architecture has been developed around the art of grafting uncharacteristically Gothic garages onto characteristically Gothic houses.

Whereas further down the road in Nördlingen which is another walled city, albeit one which was designed in a circular Custer's Last Stand configuration — a barn-like expanse of tudoresque buildings are now the headquarters for the local Feuerwehrgerätehaus (or what we in the Anglophone world tersely refer to as "firehouse").

#### Staid

Even in Augsburg — that supposedly staid burgher of a city — the main boulevard, Maximilianstrasse, casts off its merchant banker demeanour at night and becomes designer stucco territory, as a string of beau monde nightspots caters to the young and upwardly mobile and the hyper-style conscious. In fact, Augsburg (the only metropolis, outside of Würzburg, on the Romantic Road) is one of the best kept urban secrets in Germany, possessing a low-key, yet distinctive grandeur, an Italianate temperament (which manifests itself in being very much a city where "the street" is an ongoing piece of theatre in which all must participate), as well as the somewhat curious distinction of being twinned with Inverness.

And yet, as I pressed further south on the final stretch of the journey — and found myself being yanked slowly into the Bavarian Alps — it began to strike me that, although foreigners and Germans alike travelled the Romantic Road in search of a mythic Germany, present-day concerns always seemed somehow to intervene.

It was a point that was brought home to me when, on the final day of my journey, I loitered in the small Alpine village of Hohenschwangau, above which loomed King Ludwig's mad Disneyland vision of a castle — Neuschwanstein. And in an attempt to sidestep the company of double-knit Americans and trigger-happy, Nikon-wielding Japanese, I decided to avoid the castle and instead opted for an extended two-hour walk around the Alpsee — an oversized reflecting pool of a lake which perfectly mirrors the melodramatic excesses of the surrounding peaks.

En route, I passed a couple of middle-aged, successfully paunchy German businessmen who were perched on a bluff overlooking that dazzling Alpine pond, and having a most rigorous discussion about the merits and advantages of the new aerodynamic Mercedes.

A few hours later, I passed through the town of Füssen and crossed the border into Austria. The romance of the road was over.



Visitors to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington can tour grounds by horse-drawn carriage.

## Equestrian bliss

By Carol Spicer

LEXINGTON, Ky: For a mere \$5.95, a lover of horses can spend an entire day in heaven. That's the price of the admission to the Kentucky Horse Park, in the countryside outside Lexington, where one can rub noses with many of the aristocrats of the horse kingdom.

Of course, it's a joy just driving the back roads in this lush green land where undulating white or black plank fences outline the pastures and surround the hilltop buildings of Kentucky's bluegrass horse domains. Here, too, mares and their foals crop and romp in their own paddocks, and the stallions reign, each in his own. Double fences put eight feet of space between the stallions' paddocks to keep the high-strung creatures apart.

And at intervals there are the long, tree-lined drives leading to the old Kentucky homes of farm owners.

But we are not invited in. Until a few years ago, even at farms where stallions worth millions of dollars were stabled, visitors were welcome. Sadly, so many guests abused the privileges — leaving gates open, feeding the animals, scattering trash — that the inner workings of these private estates are no longer on view.

"And that," says Mimi Lewis, Kentucky's commissioner of tourism, "is the reason for the Horse Park. Here there is all you could see at the horse farms, everything you ever wanted to know about horses, rolled into one complex of stables and paddocks and tracks."

Not to mention exhibit halls where, at the start of this total horse-embracing day, you can watch the lovely wide-screen film "Thou Shalt Fly Without Wings" and be carried away into every corner of the world where horses work and play. The film covers everything from the galloping of wild mustangs on the prairie to the bruising melee of the polo field, to the ballet of the Lipizzans, to the ploughing of a New Hampshire field.

#### Museum

After which, put it all in perspective with a walk on a spiraling ramp past murals depicting the history of the horse, going back to prehistoric times. Or, just around the corner, burst dramatically into the golden age of the horse where, against a black background, spotlights play on such picturesque vehicles as a stagecoach pulled by two sturdy teams or a wicker pony cart, and on the victorias and broughams and basket phaetons that carried the gentry of the 19th century to tea parties and balls.

Although 32 breeds of horses are stabled at the Horse Park and can be seen on parade or in their stalls, a serious student of this noble animal should be sure to look up the lighted portraits of 63 breeds, also in the Museum of the Horse Exhibit

Hall. While there, if you want to know the facts about a particular breed, you need only press a button and it all comes up on a computer screen.

After viewing the dazzling array of silver and gold trophies — bowls, statuettes, platters, and cups — won by the eight Kentucky Derby winners and the 100 or more Stakes winners raised at Calumet Farm, it's time to leave this indoor, Epcot-like centre of horsemanship and get out into the living, horse-filled world of stables and fields.

Twenty-eight miles of white board fences divide the farm's prime bluegrass into the exercise paddocks and grazing fields. At any given time one can see gatherings of the park's 200 horses.

Polo fields, where matches are held every Sunday afternoon; steeplechase tracks; and "eventing" fields, scene of an international three-day event attracting top riders to Kentucky every spring — all these are framed in that classic white. The fences even surround the 14 farm buildings of what was the Walnut Hill Stud Farm, which now, as the core of the Horse Park, belongs to the state.

#### Farm

The park is a working farm. You can stop by the blacksmith shop and watch the farrier, backed up against the shoulders of a Belgian draft horse, pounding nails into the huge shoe into the hoof he holds so tightly between his knees. This he does every six weeks to each horse on the farm.

In the old-time harness shop "next door," the harnessmaker, as the visitor looks on, works the leather for a bridle that will adorn a white Arabian, or perhaps a Morgan, in one of the daily parade of breeds put on for the curious public.

But better than the parades, or the shops — better even than the view from a five-passenger surrey, of the labyrinth of fences and the gorgeous creatures contained therein — is the Hall of Champions. This is the barn in which Kentucky's bluest bluebloods are so munificently lodged, befitting their elevated status. Here, in the paneled and spacious box stalls where the proud stallions of the Walnut Hill Stud Farm were once housed, A Letter to Harry, John Henry, Forego, Rambling Willie, and other equine greats that are no longer productive loll knee-deep in mint-condition straw.

And in the paneled "lobby" of this equine hostelry, visitors can stand in the open Dutch doorways leading to the stalls and have a good old heart-to-heart with Forego, for instance, about his sensational finish in the Marlboro Cup race of '76, and with Rambling Willie, once king of the standard-bred pacers. That's about as close as you can get to royalty.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

By David Storey

HANOI, Vietnam. (Reuters): The rhythmic creaking of pedals on a bicycle rickshaw, shouts of street vendors and a constant murmur of voices from the crowded pavements give Vietnam's capital city of 1.5 million people the feel of a village.

On an evening ride in a cyclo (trishaw), the passing tableau of Hanoi is lit by the glow of dim street lights, single bulbs dangling in glassless ground-floor windows and flickering oil lamps illuminating cigarette stalls.

Sometimes, a flattering or wheedling remark in broken English wafts over the passenger's head in the disembodied voice of the cyclo driver — "England number one," or "Change money?"

Hanoi was first named capital of Vietnam in the year 1010 under the Ly dynasty, when it was known as Thang Long — city of the soaring dragon.

Now, a combination of crumbling French colonial elegance and Asian jumble, it

## Asian jumble and French sophistication

has retained its shape and spirit, its face of green shutters and leafy balconies.

Even the B-52 bombers sent in by the US Air Force during the Vietnam war did little permanent damage and only a few signs of their attacks remain round the boulevards and ramshackle merchants' quarter.

**Poverty** Vietnam's poverty has been Hanoi's saviour.

Other cities in South-East Asia, such as Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore, have been overwhelmed by concrete and glass towers and six-lane car-choked streets, their traditional flavour largely lost in the 20th century pell-mell rush to develop.

Not so Hanoi. There are no private cars and the few traffic lights put up to control the rush-hour streams of bicycles seem permanently on amber.

Built on scattered lakes inside a curve of the Red River, the city lost its status as royal capital to Hue in central Viet-

nam through much of the 1800s. But Hanoi's people say it always kept the mantle of national cultural centre.

"Traditional customs can be weakened but not destroyed," said To Hoi, editor of the Hanoi weekly Ngugi Hanoi (Hanoi resident).

"Nowhere in the country are the tailors better. Our way of speaking Vietnamese is more correct than anywhere else. We've had the stamp of the capital for 1,000 years."

**Recovering** After decades of struggle and war, the city is showing signs of recovering some gaiety after its darkest phase under dogmatic communist rule, with Western pop music issuing from packed ice cream parlours and cafes.

But it is still essentially austere and formal.

"If you go out, you dress properly. Under the French you never went out without a hat and a tie," said Hoi, a small, balding man in his 60s whose eyes light up when he talks of his native city.

Hanoi has three distinct areas, and a fourth — a series of apartment blocks that already look dilapidated within years of opening — is slowly emerging on the outskirts.

The most historic feature is the Royal Citadel, a walled complex now housing a military camp. Little of it remains.

Guides proudly point out a dent where a cannon ball hit but failed to penetrate the wall, which is cemented by a unique recipe of sand, sugarcane molasses and paper made of bamboo.

The living heart of Hanoi is the haphazard honeycomb area of the 36 streets which grew up in the early centuries as rows of wood and bamboo huts, each street devoted to a craft.

The streets, closed off by a gate, were occupied by artisans' guilds. The gates have gone but the names, and the crafts, survive. Tin still hammered in Tin Street, mats are still made and sold in Mat Street and jute sacks sit in piles on Jute Bag Street.

The old town is bursting at the seams. A relaxation on travel and grown food shortages in the countryside have drawn thousands to Hanoi, many to live with families in the teeming, insanitary shops and two or three-storey houses.

"Our priority is water. We can supply only about half the city's needs for clean water and we need to invest about 300 million dollars for full supply," said Truong Tung, deputy chairman of the Hanoi People's Committee which runs the city.

#### Shanties

Trees are everywhere — tropical almonds, cedars and flame trees — providing shade from Hanoi's burning summer sun, lining the alleys of the old quarter and, to the south, the boulevards of villas built after the French occupation in the late 1800s.

Most of the green-shuttered mansions on the gridiron of avenues around Tran Hung and Hang Bay Streets, once home for a single family each,

now house at least 10, which amounts to 40 or 50 people. Shanties have sprung up in once-tended gardens.

Almost nothing is done to maintain the villas, except those used as state offices or foreign embassies. With the city's coffers bare, there is almost no new construction.

A bulky Soviet-built cultural centre, a mausoleum for the Father of National Communism, Ho Chi Minh, in the style of Lenin's tomb in Moscow, and the headquarters of the state bank are among the few new public buildings.

Efforts by some architects and cultural figures to stop new building round the central Hoan Kiem Lake are crumbling — the People's Committee that runs the city and the Communist Party paper Nhan Dan are both putting up new modern office blocks.

However, some conservation schemes are slowly taking off. Plaques are being attached to buildings designated as historic, like the centuries-old White Horse Pagoda and the newly-renovated Jade Hill Pagoda on an island in Hoan Kiem Lake.



Bicycles are a popular mode of transport in Hanoi. The Vietnamese capital is one of few Asian cities enjoying an old-fashioned charm despite its poverty.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Moderate rise in wholesale prices reported

# US trade deficit widened to \$10.93 billion in May

WASHINGTON, July 15, (Reuters): The US trade deficit widened in May to a seasonally adjusted \$10.93 billion from \$10.30 billion in April, the Commerce Department said today.

However, the figure was less than the \$11.5 billion expected by most economists.

**Moderate**  
The Labour Department, meanwhile, reported that US wholesale prices rose a moderate 0.4 per cent in June after a 0.5 per cent increase in May.

The increase was well within the expectations of financial analysts who had predicted the producer price index would rise by about 0.5 per cent in the month. Higher food prices were offset by declines in energy costs, the department said.

Although the trade deficit was roughly in line with expectations, the shortfall for April was revised up by about \$400 million from the preliminary estimate of \$9.89 billion.

## Shareholders of Gucci reach board compromise

ROME, July 15, (Reuters): Shareholders in Guccio Gucci struck a compromise over demands for a bigger boardroom say by an Arab-based investment bank which now owns almost half the Italian fashion house, a spokesman said today.

Shareholders who met in Florence last night agreed to enlarge the board from eight to 10 seats.

Paul Dimitruk, a representative of Investcorp, a Bahrain-based investment bank which has built a stake of 47.8 per cent in the company, got one new seat.

Vittorio Ponti, a representative of Custodians for a frozen stake of 50 per cent which is held by former chairman Maurizio Gucci, got the other.

Investcorp and the Custodians now have five board places each. But Maurizio Gucci cannot vote this stake pending the outcome of a legal tussle over his interest in the firm.

Investcorp, at a meeting on June 9, had sought to expand the board by one seat and take that for itself. But it was blocked by the Custodians.

Today's deal does not settle Gucci's future management. Sources close to the firm said the board now must select a new managing director, a position held formerly by Maurizio Gucci.

## UK annual inflation rate rises

LONDON, July 15, (AP): Britain's annual consumer inflation rate rose to 4.6 per cent in June from 4.2 per cent in the previous month, the government reported today.

The Department of Employment said its retail price index rose 0.4 per cent in June from May, after a similar increase in the previous month.

Market forecasts had called for an annual rise of 4.3 per cent to 4.6 per cent and a month-to-month rise of between 0.1 per cent to 0.4 per cent.

The Department of Employment attributed the monthly rise to higher prices for motor vehicles, non-seasonal foods, gasoline and clothing.

The index, which uses a January 1987 basis of 100, stood at 106.6 in June, up from 106.2 in May, and 102 in June 1987.

## Japan to increase foreign aid and defence spending

TOKYO, July 15, (Reuters): Japan announced its biggest increase in government spending for years today to meet international demands that it give more to poorer nations, and to strengthen its armed forces.

Budget guidelines announced by Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and approved at a cabinet meeting said there would be a 9.4 per cent increase in overseas development assistance (ODA) in the year starting next April.

**Fairly**  
"The increase in ODA was fairly large in line with Japan's international pledge," Miyazawa said.

The club of rich Western nations has demanded that Japan use more of its riches to help the developing world.

But Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita surprised the group at a summit in Toronto in June by taking the initiative and pledging that Japan would lead a campaign to help some of the poorest countries wipe out their burden

of debt. Political analysts have linked Japan's new confidence in its ability to set international policy to its realisation that it cannot ever shelter under the wing of the US armed forces.

Miyazawa announced that the 1989/90 budget would allow military spending to grow up to 6.1 per cent as Japan continues efforts to increase its defence capability.

Aid and defence are among only six special categories to escape rules under which departments must be cut spending by at least 10 per cent from the previous year.

The Japanese government has been trying for several years to cut back a national debt, which in real terms is almost as bad as the huge budget deficit hanging over the United States.

For this reason, moves to reflate the Japanese economy by extra government spending to help world economic growth, which featured this year and last year, will be cut out next year.

## Big US banks raise prime lending rate

NEW YORK, July 15, (AP): Big US banks raised their prime lending rate yesterday to the highest level in more than two years, a half-percentage point rise to 9.5 per cent that signalled more expensive loans for consumers and businesses.

It was the second boost in the key lending rate this year and reflected the banks' own costs of borrowing money, which has been rising steadily over the past few months.

**Watched**  
The prime is watched closely because bankers use it as a basis for calculating loans to businesses and for determining many types of fixed and adjustable-rate consumer loans, including popular home-equity loans.

Chase Manhattan Bank in New York was the first to announce the rate increase and was quickly followed by other big banks, including Citibank, First National Bank of Chicago, Bank of New York and Manufacturers Hanover.

The last increase, the prime was set at 9.0 per cent to 9.25 per cent. The increase put the prime at the highest point since March 1986.

Reaction in the financial markets was muted, partly because a rise had been widely expected. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was off less than a point to the 2,104 level by late morning.

In the bond market, a sensitive barometer of the economy and

interest rate trends, the Treasury's key 30-year bond was down slightly in price, raising its yield to 9.18 per cent from 9.17 per cent late Wednesday.

The hike in the prime lending rate is not the start of another upward spiral in interest rates, many economists maintained.

They predicted rates will hold at current levels probably until after the November election, but they conceded that this forecast is contingent on a slowdown in overall economic growth.

If this expected slowdown does not occur and inflationary pressures remain high, then their interest rate forecasts will be proven wrong, analysts said.

Big banks raised their prime lending rate. It was the second boost this year and put the key borrowing rate at its highest level since March 1986.

The increase followed by one day stern warnings from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan that the central bank stood ready to tighten credit even further.

## Japan unhappy

TOKYO, July 15, (Reuters): Japan said yesterday it was very unhappy with a revised trade reform bill passed by the US House of Representatives and called on the Reagan administration to ensure it never becomes law.

The bill, passed by the House on Wednesday, is designed to force open foreign markets seen as unfairly blocking US exports and calls for retaliation against countries and companies found to be engaged in illegal trade practices.

**Opposed**  
Reagan vetoed the bill in May and the White House said it also opposed the latest version as being an intrusion into business. Political analysts say there is a chance the new bill could pass the Senate and override a presidential veto.

"I hope that the Reagan administration will decisively fight against protectionism and prevent the enactment of the bill," Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno said in a statement.

He said it was regrettable that the trade bill contained measures to retaliate against countries considered to be resorting to unfair trade practices, as well as against Japan's Toshiba Corporation, a subsidiary of which sold sensitive equipment to the Soviet Union.

**Expressed**  
The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) also expressed strong dissatisfaction with the sweeping trade reform bill.

"The ministry regrets that the trade bill was approved without revisions in the problematic clauses," it said in a statement.

any moment if foreign investors became nervous about accumulating more US debt, Greenspan warned.

The better-than-expected US trade figures in April, released a month ago, gave a major boost to the dollar, propelling it to a nine-month high against the West German mark by this week of around 1.85 marks.

Immediately following today's figures, the dollar firmed further, to around 1.86 marks.

**Variations**  
Before statistical adjustment to iron out seasonal variations in imports and exports, the May trade deficit widened to \$10.70 billion from \$10.19 billion in April, the Commerce Department said.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, US exports in May increased 2.3 per cent to \$26.62 billion, but imports rose more strongly, by 3.4 per cent to \$37.55 billion.

Virtually all the deterioration in the trade balance was accounted for by a 17.7 per cent rise in the nation's oil bill to \$3.94 billion from \$3.35 billion in April.

## US House approves trade reform bills

WASHINGTON, July 15, (UPI): In what one lawmaker described as the final act of a tedious drama, the House of Representatives defied President Reagan's veto threats and approved separate plant closing and trade reform bills by overwhelming margins.

Representatives first passed the plant closing measure 286-136, more than the two-thirds majority needed to override an anticipated veto, and then rallied 376-45 on Wednesday for the sweeping trade reform legislation.

**Recommend**  
Aboard Air Force One yesterday, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters the president's "senior advisers recommend a veto and it (the plant closing bill) was a major reason why he vetoed the (original) trade bill."

Fitzwater said the administration is "for the creation of jobs (but) we believe this bill stifles job creation." While the concept is supported at the White House, he said, it ought to be in labour contracts, not in the law books.

Fitzwater denied that a veto would be politically damaging to vice President George Bush's bid for the presidency.

Ways and Means Committee chairman Dan Rostenkowski, Democrat-Illinois, described the reform bill as "a powerful signal that this country will be a forceful and fair leader in the search for open and expanded world trade."

Even many Republicans who criticised the bill as imperfect conceded it represents the last chance to implement needed trade reforms before a new administration takes office.

Rostenkowski, who steered

the legislation through the House during the last few years only to have it vetoed, added: "After a long and tedious process, I sense that we are at last approaching the final act in this drama."

**Measures**  
Congress had approved the trade and plant closing measures this spring as a single package that was sent to the White House. But Reagan vetoed the effort on May 24, objecting to the provision requiring companies to give advance notice of factory shutdowns and major layoffs.

The House voted 308-113 the same day to override the veto, but the Senate failed to muster the two-thirds majority to enact the legislation over the president's objections.

Democratic congressional leaders then decided to separate the bills and try again.

Japan eases visa restrictions on Soviets

TOKYO, July 15, (AP): Japan in August will begin approving multiple re-entry permits for Tokyo-based Soviet trade officials in an effort to boost business ties with the Soviet Union, the Foreign Ministry today.

## IBRD earns \$1.004 billion

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): The World Bank's main arm, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, made \$1.004 billion in the year that ended June 30, the bank announced today.

The figure was down from the previous year's \$1.114 billion, but marked the fourth consecutive year that its earnings were in the billion dollar range.

**Disbursed**  
The IBRD is the major source of aid loans to a group of 71 better-off Third World countries. It disbursed a record \$11.6 billion in the year at rates of an annual 7.59 per cent.

The loans are long-term ones with grace periods and terms much easier than commercial banks would grant. Some of the borrowing countries are not considered creditworthy by commercial banks.

The World Bank is owned by 151 countries, with the United States holding the largest block of shares.

Another section of the bank, the International Development Association, loaned \$3.3 billion to the poorest countries at less than one per cent annual interest. This money comes from contributions and is handled separately.

The IBRD borrowed \$10.8 billion at an average cost of 6.7 per cent a year. It got back \$15 billion from payments on loans made earlier, \$3.4 billion more than it paid out.

**Got back**  
In the year that ended in June 1987, the Bank got back only \$200 million it disbursed.

Some of the repayments and interest came from countries that have been "graduated" from its system, including Japan, because they have become too wealthy to qualify. Unlike commercial banks, the World Bank is pleased when it loses a borrower, taking that as an evidence of success.

Critics of the bank say it should be lending out more than it gets back at a time when Third World countries are short of new

money for investment in projects that could raise their living standards. Eight member countries are in arrears on \$2.9 billion worth of loans.

**Turned over**  
Loans of \$14.8 billion were approved during the 12 months. Although nearly three-quarters of the money still will go for the traditional projects of the bank — such as schools, clinics, roads, harbours — there was a rise to 26 per cent in the proportion of "policy-based" lending.

Such loans are turned over directly to the borrowing governments in return for promises to change basic policies. The governments use the money for many purposes, including the buying of foreign goods and payments of interest on loans from commercial banks.

During the year an increase of the bank's capital was approved that will bring the total to \$171.4 billion. The bank expects this increase to enable it to raise its lending to over \$20 billion a year by the early 1990s.

Imports of clothing, footwear, iron and steel mill products, aircraft, electrical and industrial machinery and sporting goods all rose in May, the government said. Car imports declined.

The deficit with Japan, which is larger than with any other country, fell to \$4.12 billion in May from \$4.44 billion in April, and the shortfall with Canada, the largest US trading partner, dipped to \$1.04 billion from \$1.08 billion.

**Wholesale**  
But the deficit with the newly industrialised countries of Asia rose to \$2.35 billion in May from \$1.63 billion in April, and the trade gap with Western Europe widened to \$1.2 billion from \$812.3 million.

Reflecting the higher oil bill, the trade deficit with members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries rose to \$1.1 billion in May from \$893.7 million.

Excluding food and energy, US wholesale prices rose by 0.3 per cent in June after a 0.3 per cent May rise.

So far this year, wholesale prices have risen at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.6 per cent, compared with a 2.2 per cent increase for all of 1987, the Labour Department said.

Consumer food prices in June rose 1.1 per cent after a 0.9 per cent increase in May and were 1.7 per cent above their year-ago level, the department said.

## Sri Lanka pushes India into second place in tea exports

NEW DELHI, July 15, (KUNA): Sri Lanka has emerged as a major tea exporter to Iraq and Iran, pushing India to the second position.

The island nation has offered attractive export packages to the warring nations for increasing its tea exports.

India Tea Board in its report "future strategy" said Iraq's tea imports have gone up to 44 million kilos in 1987 from 27 million kilos in 1976. Among the exporting countries Sri Lanka now tops the list accounting for 65 per cent of import. India's exports to the Arab nations are around ten million kilos, but they slipped to two million kilos, last year, when on account of price factor, Iraq could not buy the desired quantity from India.

Iran imports 30 million kilos of tea annually though it also produces 24 million kilos. The imported tea is blended with the local tea in a prescribed ratio before being made available to the consumers. Before the revolution imports of tea in Iran was in private hands.

After 1979 import of tea was solely handled by the government agency.

In Iran although India is in a strong position but Sri Lanka is emerging as a major competitor. The Iran-Sri Lanka agreement stipulates supply of 15 million kilos of tea, per annum.

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## World Business Summary

### Nigeria says official OPEC price no longer tenable

LAGOS, July 15, (Reuters): A senior Nigerian oil executive said the official selling price set by OPEC for crude oil, was no longer tenable because of oversupply. "There is nothing called official selling price today," Michael Olorunfemi, deputy managing director at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) said on national television on Wednesday. Olorunfemi, NNPC's top economist added: "official selling price today is only a target price." Under the price structure set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Nigeria's Bonny light was set at \$18.92 a barrel but oil industry sources said that target had not been achieved at any time this year. "If you are selling at official selling price today, they won't lift a drop of your oil," Olorunfemi said. Spot market prices are currently about \$5 below the OPEC target. Olorunfemi said: "Unless supply can be managed one can't see the possibility of oil prices going upwards." Nigerian oil officials said the problem had been worsened by UAE increased output to 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), nearly double its OPEC-assigned quota of 948,000 bpd. OPEC said this week that its powerful secretary general Subroto would deliver a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan on the current oil market situation. It said OPEC's price committee, which can call emergency ministerial talks, would meet after Subroto's UAE visit.

### Soviet Union purchases more grain from America

WASHINGTON, July 15, (UPI): The Soviet Union purchased an additional 150,000 metric tons of US corn, the Agriculture Department announced on Wednesday, the third large-scale corn purchase by Moscow this week. Exporters this week have reported sales to the Soviets totalling 675,000 tons of US corn. There are 39.4 bushels per metric ton. The latest sale involves corn initially sold for delivery to unknown destinations. Exporters told the government the destination had been changed to the Soviet Union. On Tuesday, exporters reported the sale of 350,000 tons of corn to the Soviets and on Monday they announced a change in destination for 175,000 metric tons of corn. That also had been listed at first as going to an unknown destination. The new sales mean the Soviets have purchased 5.04 million tons of corn in the final year of the five-year US-Soviet grain agreement, which expires on Sept 30. The Kremlin also has purchased 9 million tons of wheat, 1.3 million tons of soybean meal and 830,700 tons of soybeans.

### Zambia rejects IMF, World Bank requests on devaluation

LUSAKA, July 15, (Reuters): Zambia has rejected requests by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to devalue its currency, reduce the budget deficit and remove food subsidies, a government newspaper reported yesterday. The Daily Mail quoted Finance Minister Gibson Chigaga as saying the two institutions had asked for these measures to be taken before they would consider providing fresh financial assistance to Zambia, which adopted its own economic programme after abandoning IMF reforms in May, 1987. "But we have said no. We do not want to disrupt the new programme, which is showing positive signs of economic recovery," Chigaga said in an interview with the paper. The Mail did not say when the IMF and World Bank made the requests but they have held several rounds of talks with the government in the last 12 months in a bid to heal the rift. Zambia has described the IMF prescriptions as too tough. Chigaga said that besides a devaluation, the World Bank and IMF wanted an immediate cut in the budget deficit by four per cent gross domestic product and the removal of subsidies on maize meal, the staple food. He said the government would continue to hold talks with the two financial institutions but he urged them to back Zambia's own recovery programme instead of pressing the government to change it. President Kenneth Kaunda said in June that Zambia would approach the IMF and World Bank shortly to discuss the possibility of a new agreement. But Chigaga's remarks indicated an accord was a long way off. The programme includes tight curbs on the exchange rate, prices and interest rates and a ceiling on debt servicing. Zambia's foreign debt is estimated at more than \$5 billion.

### British Aerospace agrees terms for Rover group takeover

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): British Aerospace PLC (BAE) has agreed terms for the £150 million (\$254 million) takeover of the state-run Rover Group PLC motor company. Trade and Industry Minister Lord Young said yesterday. Lord Young's announcement in parliament ended a day of indecision following the British aircraft maker's statement on Wednesday that it needed more time to consider European Economic Community conditions placed on the sell-off of the government's 99.8 per cent stake in Rover. The European Commission, the EEC's executive body, had ruled on Wednesday that a proposed government £800 million (\$135 billion) write-off on Rover debt should be cut by £331 million (\$560 million) to ensure fair competition among automakers in Europe. "Talks with the European Commission this morning have clarified the position in terms satisfactory to the BAE board," Lord Young said in a statement to the House of Lords, Britain's upper house of Parliament. The deal came after a day of urgent consultations between Lord Young, the European Commission in Brussels and BAE chairman Roland Smith to avert what newspaper headlines warned could be an embarrassing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government. Collapse of the takeover would have been a major setback for the government, which plans to sell off Rover as part of a wider programme to transfer state enterprises to private ownership. Senior Conservative Member of Parliament John Biffen, a former minister, told a television interviewer: "It would have been immensely embarrassing if the deal had fallen through and then a few months later a European company had made a takeover bid." West Germany's Volkswagen AG and the US Ford Motor Company had been widely tipped as possible suitors if BAE had refused a deal which the Labour opposition had condemned as a "giveaway" to the private sector.

### Rank group's profits increase

LONDON, July 15, (UPI): Chairman of the Rank Organisation, Patrick Meaney, said yesterday that the group's profits before tax for the 28 weeks to May 14, 1988 increased to £104.8 million (\$178.16 million), compared with £89.4 million (\$151.98 million) for the equivalent period in 1987. Earnings per share for the first half were 28.4 pence (48.28 cents) compared with 22.6 pence (38.42 cents) for the same period last year, he said. Trading profit increased to £35.6 million (\$60.52 million) compared with the 1987 profit restated at the higher figure of £33.7 million (\$57.29 million). The restatement of the 1987 first-half profit figures followed the inclusion of the seasonal holiday businesses for the first time. Rank said there were good performances from film and television services, holidays and recreation, hotels and catering, and leisure developments, but precision industries turnover and profit continued to be affected adversely by lower world demand, exacerbated by currency exchange rates and special recognition costs at Strand Lighting in the US. The organisation's share of Rank Xerox's profit before tax was £77.9 million (\$132.43 million), compared with £60.4 million (\$102.68 million) for the previous year, the company said. The increase in profit was due to continuing improvement in trading performance as well as the beneficial effects of currency exchange rates, a Rank spokesman said. An interim dividend for 1988 of 8.5 pence (14.45 cents) compared with 7.25 pence (12.325 cents) for 1987 per ordinary share has been declared payable on Sept 26, 1988 to shareholders on the register at Aug 25, 1988.



PORT HAWAR	55/2	55/3	<p>New York, July *S. (Reuters): Lower bond prices kept stocks lower as investors digested the reports of several economic reports, most of which came in as expected. Traders said a lack of follow through on some earlier buying kept the market lower. "There's nothing compelling here," said one trader.</p> <p>The Dow fell six to 2107. Decliners led gainers by about three to two.</p> <p>Macmillan jumped 3-1/4 to 77-1/4. Analysts said there was speculation the firm would attract a higher bid than Robert Bass's 73 dls a share.</p>
PORTBORO CO	30/2	30/1	
PRICHLD IND	10/0	10/1	
FST BANK	22/6	22/5	



## International Bond Highlights

London — The Hokuriku Bank Ltd is issuing a 100 mln dir convertible Eurobond due March 31, 2003 with an indicated coupon of 3-1/8 pct and par pricing, lead manager Yamachi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTZS 0953) in Zurich, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said the Japanese bank is also issuing 100 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing. (RTZF 0932)

Zurich — An Algemeine Bank Nederland NV unit, Dublin-based ABN International Financial Services Co, is issuing a 150 mln Swiss franc, five year, 4-1/4 pct bond priced at 100-1/4 pct, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RTZF 0956)

Tokyo — Japanese members of the underwriting syndicate for Japan's benchmark 10-year government bonds are ready to yield part of their underwriting shares to foreign rivals by as early as April 1999, negotiators at member companies said. (Economic Spotlight, ECRB-H)

London — Pkbanken is issuing a five billion yen floating rate note due August 15, 1999 paying the Japanese long-term prime rate plus two basis points and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Nippon Credit International said. (RTZE 0828)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 9-3/8 1/8	10-1/16 3/16	10-13/16
FFI 4.45/55	4.75/80	5.00/05
PAR 7-7/16 9/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
BUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-7/8 4-1/8
BRX 4.25	6-15/16 1/16	7-1/8 1/4
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11-1/8 11-5/8
AMS 4-1/2 4-3/4	4-5/8 4-3/4	5-0/0 5-1/8
TOK 3.6875 7500	3.9375 4.0000	4.0625 1250
ECU 6.31 6.56	6.87 7.00	7.25 7.37

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Offered	Bid
1 month	5-15/16	6-5/16
3 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
6 months	6-1/4	6-9/16
1 year	6-3/8	6-11/16

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	60.50	60	60.50	NICO	570	565	570
ACC	222.50	225.50	218	GRASIM	104.50	105	104.50	MOCIL	44.50	45
ASIA PAINT	153.75	152.50	155	GRFC	126	126	127	ORAY	31	30
BAJAJ AUTO	235	235.25	235	INDO LEVER	68.50	67.75	68.50	PEICO	29.25	28.50
BAL. RAYON	240	235	242.50	INDO COCA	85.50	84.50	84	PFIZER	61.50	61.50
BOM. DYING	111.50	107	102.50	INDO COCA	76.25	75	76.25	PRE. AUTO	30	30
BR. BOND	85	83.50	84.50	INDO MOTOR	21.25	21.12	21.75	RAYMOND	49.25	48.50
BSE INDEX	583.04	587.26	586.50	INDO ORG	22	22	22	RELIANCE	198.50	199
CENTURYSP	881.50	885.50	882.50	INDO ORG	71.25	70	71.50	SIEMENS	67	68
COLGATE	206.25	206.25	210	INDO ORG	165	165	166.25	SPIC	46	47
DEEPAKERT	33	32.75	32	ITC	43	42	43.50	STDHILLS	240	240
EL. HOTEL	49	48	49	JYNSYN	62.50	61	62	TATA PAR	235	231.25
ESAKERT	152.50	152.50	155	L AND T	95	94.50	94.50	TATACHEE	68.50	69
ESSAR	18.75	19	18.50	MAHINDRA	56.50	56.50	57	TELCO	652.50	655
GAR. POLY	78.50	78.50	79	MAHINDRA	10.37	10.25	10.50	TISCO	780	778.75
GE. SHIP	28.75	28.62	28.65	MATHER PL	51	51	49	VOLTA	290	292.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	201.0
ALLIANZ VR	1478.0
BADENWERK	183.5
BASF	260.0
BAYER	296.0
BAYER HYP	347.0
BAYER VER	333.5
BBC	305.5
BHF	412.0
BNP	524.0
COMMERZBANK	252.5
CONTI GUM	262.8
DATMER BEN	710.5
DEUTSC BAK	482.0
DEUTSC BAK	369.0
DRESDENER B	259.5
DT. BANCORP	172.0
FAZ INDEX	491.40
FELDMUEHLE	271.0
GOLDSCHEID	308.0
HARDENBERG	430.0
HOECHST AG	277.5
HOECHST AG	144.5
HOFMEIER	190.0
HUSLEN HLD	428.0
KALLI SALZ	160.0
KARSTADT	441.0
KAUFGHOF	371.0
KLOECK H	131.0
KLOECK W	0
LINDE	685.0
LUFTHANSA	151.0
MAN	197.0
MANHESMAN	156.4
MERCEDES	585.0
METALLURGE	319.5
NIXDORF PF	452.0
NORSK HYD	57.70
PHILIP KOP	597.0
PORSCHER	533.0
PREUSSAG	179.8
RHEINMETAL	213.0
RHEINMETAL	301.0
RUE	229.5
RUE P	217.0
SALAMANDER	260.5
SCHERING	514.8
SEL	313.0
SIEMENS	429.1
THYSEN	147.9
VARTA	284.5
VEBA	256.2
VEW	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	268.0

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.60
CHINA K	8.15
CHINA GAS	17.80
CHINA L-P	18.20
CHINA MOF	22.80
CHINA PRO	4.00
CHINA TND	4.55
EVEREST	0.87
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELOP	10.00
H S INDEX	40.70
HANG LUNG	5.50
HANG SENG	30.50
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.60
HK KOWLOON	8.45
HK LAND CO	8.20
HK SHAN BK	6.40
HK SHAN NT	5.15
HK TELE CO	6.90
HUTCH WHAN	9.60
IND EQ PAC	12.40
JARDINE H	13.50
KOWLOON H	9.85
NEW WORLD	11.90
PAUL Y CON	3.00
REALTY DEV	6.85
S H K CO	2.43
S H K PROP	11.70
SIME DARBY	1.97
STELLUX HFG	2.75
SHIRE PAC	19.20
T V B CO	13.80
TAI CHEUNG	4.05
UNITED BANK	1.64
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HAD	0
WORLD INTL	3.80

## AMMAN

As of 13.7.98	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.20	1.20
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.62	1.63
ARAB BANK	112.5	111.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.96	3.96
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.35	1.36
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99	0.96
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION	0.94	0.90
ARAB JOR. INVEST.	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR. INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CO/IND	0.31	0.31
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	1.95	1.94
ARAB PHARM. CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.25	1.25
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	15.20
BELGIAN INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.50	28.50
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.46	0.46
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.55	1.54
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.53	0.52
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.58	0.60
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.65
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.25
GENERAL MINING	1.31	1.31
HIMEX MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.27	1.26
IND. MATCH JENCO	0.63	0.63
INDSTR. DEVELOP	1.56	1.59
INDSTR. COM/AGR.	1.22	1.21
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV.	0.21	0.21
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.85
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.19	1.19
J. TOUR-SP/COM	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.35	14.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.20	1.20
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.53	1.53
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.94	0.95
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.98	0.97
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.59	1.55
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.61	0.60
JOR LIM BRICK	0.22	0.22
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.53	2.53
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.12	3.15
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.50	2.52
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.21	1.24
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.60	0.60
JOR SECURITY CORP	0.78	0.77
JOR SELPHO CHEN.	2.55	2.56
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.09	1.12
JOR WOODST MLL	4.55	4.55
JOR. KLUAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.35	7.35
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.01	2.00
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.33	0.32
JORDAN DAIRY	0.99	0.99
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.25	1.25
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.77	1.77
JORDAN KLUAIT BANK	1.44	1.45
JORDAN TANNING	2.01	2.01
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.70	0.70
MACH/TECH/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.78
HAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
NAT. CABLE/TELE/INF	1.00	0.99
NATIONAL AHLIA HNS	1.30	1.27
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.58	0.58
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72	0.71
NATIONAL STEEL	2.64	2.63
ORIENT BATTARY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.95	1.92
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.82	0.82
RAFTA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.47	0.48
SHIPPING LINES	0.87	0.87
SPINNING WEAVING	0.76	0.76
THE HOUSING BANK	1.83	1.83
UNITED INSURANCE	0.96	0.96
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.52	1.50
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.71
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BC-A	73.00	75.00	73.00
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	CLSG	CHG
AC-A	9.50	9.60	9.60	0.10
ANS	2.65	2.70	2.70	0.05
FER-A	3.80	3.85	3.85	0.05
GLO	35.50	36.00	36.00	0.50
PLDT	191.00	192.00	189.00	-2.00
KPSI-A	2.26	2.32	2.30	0.04
SMC-A	140.00	141.00	139.00	-2.00
SMC-B	210.00	211.00	210.00	-1.00
MINING	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00
APX-B	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.00
AT-A	21.50	22.00	21.50	0.50

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	1,519,410	13,104,105	889.20	4.09 DN
MINING	60,464,200	7,232,225	4,932.42	79.26 UP
OIL	491,650,000	3,014,560	6.335	0.044 DN
TOTAL	553,633,610	23,350,890	838.04	0.31 UP

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BC-A	73.50	74.00	74.00
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	CLSG	CHG
SMC-A	140.00	141.00	139.00	-2.00
SMC-B	210.00	211.00	210.00	-1.00
SD-TIRE	34.00	35.00	34.50	-0.50
PLDT	192.00	189.00	191.00	0.10
ANSOR-A	2.65	2.70	2.70	0.05
AC-A	9.50	9.60	9.60	0.10
GLO	35.50	36.00	36.00	0.50
FER-A	3.80	3.85	3.85	0.05
MINING	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00
APX-B	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.00
AT-A	21.50	22.00	21.50	0.50
AT-B	24.00	24.50	24.25	0.25

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	927,650	13,771,080	892.42	UP 4.78
MINING	222,211,900	23,549,475	4,824.41	UP 36.30
OILS	601,460,000	4,667,090	6.716	UP 0.009
TOTAL	824,599,550	41,987,645	850.57	UP 3.87

## SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	GSI	122	122	LEONGHAT	179	179
				GUINNESS	302	302	M UTD IND	157	157
AJIONHOTO	200	200	GULA	28.5	28.5	M UTD MFG	70	70	
ALEXANDRA	175	175	H L IND.	132	132	M'SHITA	620	620	
ANAL IND	83	83	H TAI PAN	76	76	M'WATA	63	63	
AMB HLDGS	171	171	HARINAU	104	104	MAGNUM	225	225	
AMCO	139	139	HAW PAR	352	352	MALEX IND	380	380	
BA TOB	170	170	HEXZA	85	85	MARCOPOLO	123	123	
C & C	264	264	HIND HOTL	53	53	NCR HLDGS	92	92	
CARLSBERG	510	510	H L M'STA	450	450	NEWANG	51	51	
COLD STOR	388	388	HNL NEGAR	290	290	METAL BOX	430	430	
DAYPAI	42	42	HNL PROPS	132	132	MTC BHD	398	398	
DKH	520	520	HNL ROYAL	141	141	MULPAININD	35	35	
DUNLOPIND	100	100	HAME IND	173	173	MURATA	60	60	
DUTCHBAAY	444	444	HWA HONG	98	98	MYCOM BHD	160	160	
ELEC MAGN	146	146	INTRAC	283	283	M ST TIME	354	354	
ESSO RD	386	386	ISTAN	615	615	NS TIMBER	101	101	
EU YAN S.	207	207	J CEMENT	75	75	QUE	456	456	
EVERPEACE	100	100	J ENBRG	233	233	P MALAYAN	272	272	
F A C B	60	60	JC ENT	115	115	ROBINSON	255	255	
F ASSET	83	83	K G HLDGS	130		S PACIFIC	284	284	
F SHIP	222	222	K KELLAS	220		S PRESS	715	715	
F&B ORD	900	900	K L IND	41		SAH HLDGS	442	442	
FEB CABLE	67	67	KAMUNTING	100		SANKYO	95	95	
FUJITEC	656	656	K SANG	120		SATERAS	67	67	
FUMBER	101	101	KENTUCKY	244	244	SEAL INC	109	109	
HAND HOG	38.5	38.5	KEPPEL C W	54	54	SEAVIEW	232	232	
HEN CORP	74	74	KEPPEL	260	260	SIA	1170	1170	
HENTING	535	535	K FLOOR	214	214	SIM LIM	72	72	
HOLD COIN	206	206	KIAN JOO	141	141	SOUTH (H)	94	94	
HOODWOOD	1050	1050	KINGS HTL	176	176	TEN ENG	155	155	
HONG CEN	136	136	KUPH EMAS	110	110				



## Wall Street stocks lose early gains

## US trade figures help dollar to rally

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): The dollar soared today on news of better-than-expected US trade figures, and the demand for it swamped repeated sales by central banks which intervened to try to tame the hectic rally.

The United States said its May trade deficit was \$10.93 billion. That was up on April's revised \$10.3 billion, but markets had expected a trade gap around \$11.5 billion.

## Good news

Wall Street stocks lost early gains. But in currency markets, the figures were viewed as good news for the US economy and as a signal to buy more dollars.

"The market was looking for an excuse to buy the dollar and it hasn't been persuaded not to," said Warren Oliver, US economist at London brokers Phillips and Drew.

## Highs

A rebound by the dollar from historic lows touched in January, which has accelerated in recent weeks, had already taken it up to around 1.85 Deutschmarks and 134 yen.

Traders have attributed the rebound to a US boom and the

way US interest rates have been nudged higher — giving a better return on dollar assets — to dampen a risk of inflation inherent in the boom.

Today's trade figures sent the dollar on up to quoted highs around 1.88 marks and 135.35 yen in wild trading.

## Eased

The US Federal Reserve, West Germany's Bundesbank, the Bank of England, Swiss National Bank, and also the central banks of Austria, Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands all sold dollars, mostly for marks, to brake the dollar's rise.

A stronger dollar puts up the price of imports in nations outside the United States, and thus risks higher inflation.

Markets think the Reagan administration is happy to have the dollar ride high as Vice-President George Bush campaigns for November's presidential election.

But too strong a dollar risks making US exports less price-competitive, which could jeopardise further efforts to narrow the still-huge trade deficit. The Fed sold dollars several times, dealers said.

The dollar at Europe's close had eased slightly from the day's highs to 1.8755 marks and 135.25 yen, up 2.5 pfennings and two yen from yesterday. Sterling shed nearly three cents to \$1.6630 as money flew to the dollar.

Today's values compared with 1.72 marks and 125 yen five weeks ago, and with all-time lows of 1.5615 and 120.20 at which, after the 'Black Monday' financial crash, it began 1988.

It is up 20 per cent against the mark and 12.5 per cent against the yen since January 4. It is at its highest against the mark since August and against the yen since December.

## Strong

Some economists think it is defying economic realities. "The dollar is completely blocked off from fundamentals ... how can a serious economist say anything about where it is going?" said Hans-Helmut Kotz, chief economist at Deutsche Girozentrale-Deutsche Kommunalbank in Frankfurt.

The gold price was set for afternoon in the London bullion market slightly easier at \$439.10 an ounce.

A worldwide glut continued to depress oil prices, although they firmed from yesterday with North Sea crudes quoted around \$14.35 a barrel.

Farm prices remained strong because of the US drought.

Higher commodity prices are among factors fuelling governments' concerns about inflation which lay behind today's central bank efforts to stop the dollar rising too high.

Such leading world stock markets as Tokyo and Frankfurt were closed before the United States announced the May trade figures.

Early rallies in both New York and London failed to find buyers, and Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average at midday in New York was down 4.80 at 2,108.82.

## No reason

The Tokyo financial markets were quiet as dealers awaited the release of key US trade data later in the day. The US dollar was up slightly while Tokyo stocks fell.

Dealers were divided in their predictions for the US trade deficit in May. Some saw it

widening from April's unexpectedly small deficit, while others believed it would shrink even further.

"People see no reason to be buying in advance of the trade figures," said one Tokyo stock broker. "There is little buying incentive due to pre-trade figure jitters."

The Nikkei stock index fell 170.29 points, or 0.61 per cent, to end at 27,913.79. The US dollar ended in Tokyo at 133.40 yen and 1.8498/02 West German marks against 133.35 yen and 1.8530/35 marks in New York.

Gold was trading at around \$438.40 an ounce by late afternoon in Tokyo, down from New York's yesterday's close of 438.75.

## Setting up

In other regional share markets, Australian stocks rose for the first time in three days, although Sydney brokers said trading was fairly lacklustre. The main index rose 6.3 points to 1,622.5.

"I think our market is setting up a good base for further rises," one broker said. Hong Kong's share market, meanwhile, fell.

## New Indian finance minister hints at slowdown of economic liberalisation

NEW DELHI, July 15, (Reuters): India's new finance minister indicated today he wanted to slow down the government's policy of economic liberalisation.

"Businessmen are expecting far too much from me. I must balance their aspirations with the developmental needs of the people," S.B. Chavan said in his first detailed comments on the Indian economy since his June appointment.

## Against

Chavan, who came to the Finance Ministry from west India's Maharashtra state where he was chief minister, said he was against a relaxation of controls in consumer sectors begun by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi when he took office in 1984.

Chavan, apparently referring to the television parts, said he was particularly against concessions on luxury goods.

"The import of luxury goods is not warranted," said Chavan, whose appointment caused anxiety in Bombay, India's financial capital, because of his reputation as a conservative socialist.

"Mine is a balancing act between the needs of the poorer sections of society," he said.

Politicians said Rajiv shifted him from Maharashtra to Delhi to give his economic policies a populist image before general elections, due at the end of 1989.

Chavan admitted that general elections and last year's drought were factors in the government's review of its policy of gradually removing economic controls.

## Blamed

Economists have blamed these restrictions for discouraging the growth of exports and foreign investment in India.

He said another factor was a crisis in foreign exchange reserves which by June 17 had fallen to Rs 61.7 billion (\$4.41 billion), the lowest in more than two years.

"But good monsoon rains this year have given us high expectations of a favourable kharif (winter) crop. With this we can recoup our losses of last year," Chavan said.

Chavan said exports, which grew to Rs 157.2 billion (\$11.21 billion) in 1987-88 from Rs 125.5 billion (\$8.96 billion) the year before, would continue to be a government priority.

Imports, which grew to Rs 223.4 billion (\$15.95 billion) in 1987-88 from Rs 200.6 billion (\$14.33 billion) the previous

year, would come under greater scrutiny he said.

"We have to be selective in imports and sanction only those which are necessary to help the growth of exports," he added.

But Chavan refused to comment on reports the government was considering tax concessions to industry to boost growth. He said he would review all options, including ways to raise the rate of savings.

Commenting on a World Bank suggestion that India should boost exports by devaluing the rupee, Chavan said his country was against being told what to do by a foreign agency.

"But we will see what is warranted," Chavan said.

He said he was also studying India's commercial borrowing, which economists say is at a prudent annual rate of \$1.5 billion.

## Debts

India's total external debts now stand at around \$30 billion, according to Finance Secretary S. Venkitesh.

Chavan said: "I am still new to the job and am studying all aspects of the problem, but I see the economy as being satisfactory."

## Fed seeks a low profile as election draws near

WASHINGTON, July 15, (Reuters): A cautious approach to interest rates should keep the Federal Reserve above November's political fray, but at the risk of stirring up inflation problems for later, economists say.

Testifying to Congress on Wednesday about the outlook for the economy and monetary policy, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said the risk of rising inflation was great enough to warrant erring on the side of restrictiveness rather than of stimulus.

## Induced

But he emphasised that higher interest rates were by no means inevitable because the slight increase the Fed had already induced should be enough to keep inflation under control.

"It doesn't necessarily follow that they will continue to do so," Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee in response to a question on whether interest rates were likely to continue to increase.

The Fed, which cherishes its independence from the administration, generally tries in an elec-

tion year to avoid dramatic changes in interest rates that could be construed as tipping the political balance.

Now that he has laid out his policy for the next six months, Greenspan would like nothing better than to hide in the closet until November's presidential election is over, said Harold Nathan, an economist with Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco.

The Fed chairman also dampened speculation that a rise in the psychologically important discount rate, the fee the Fed charges banks for overnight loans, might be in the offing.

## Groundwork

"Greenspan has laid the groundwork for only a very gradual tightening of credit," Nathan said. "I don't think there's any chance of a discount rate increase before November."

Although the entire Fed board was picked by the Reagan administration, White House chief economist Beryl Sprinkel criticised the Fed earlier this year for keeping interest rates too

high in 1987 and thereby, he said, contributing to October's stock market crash.

On Wednesday, both Republican and Democratic senators voiced hope Greenspan would not tighten credit so severely that the economy tumbled into recession.

## Estimate

I would hate to think that we're going to try to cool inflationary pressures just by the tactic of raising interest rates," New York Republican Alfonse D'Amato said.

Greenspan is clearly pinning his hope on a slowdown in the economy in the months ahead to ease inflation worries.

He said he expected the jobless rate, now at a 14-year low of 5.3 per cent, to drift up and factory use rates to level off as growth slows from the pace of over three per cent chalked up in the first half of the year.

The economy grew by 3.6 per cent between January and March and economists estimate the second quarter was equally strong. So, to hit the Fed's new forecast of 2.75-3.0 per cent growth for the whole year, growth would have to slow considerably for the rest of the year, perhaps to a pace of about two per cent.

But many Wall Street econ-

omists remain sceptical the economy will slow considerably of its own accord.

"I don't believe it for a minute," said Joe Liro of SG Warburg Securities Inc, who listened to Greenspan's testimony. "To get that rate of growth, the Fed's got to tighten policy."

Dana Johnson of First Chicago Corp agreed. "The message from Greenspan is that if the economy doesn't slow down on its own, he'll make sure it does by raising interest rates," he said.

These and other analysts fret that if the Fed does not nip inflation in the bud, it will sprout into a much bigger problem that will eventually require sharply higher interest rates and a damaging recession.

But Richard Rahn, chief economist of the Chamber of Commerce, sees no justification for raising rates now.

## Bubbles up

Keeping a lid on inflation if it bubbles up is a desirable goal, but for the moment most firms have enough spare capacity and so are not about to raise prices, he said. Moreover, labour productivity is improving and investment spending on new plant is strong, he said. "I think we can get faster growth without triggering inflation than the folks at the Fed do," Rahn said.

## Coffee beans in short supply

## Consumers demand aromatic blend

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): Around the world, coffee drinkers' tastes are changing.

"Instead of the bland or bitter beans they favoured in the past, more and more consumers are demanding aromatic blends. But while there is a worldwide coffee glut, the beans needed for those aromatic blends are in short supply. Coffee market analysts say that means the price of a can of coffee on grocery store shelves could be headed higher."

## Scarce

"The beans are scarce because international limits on coffee sales are stopping growers from selling coffee roasters the beans they desperately want," said a buyer for a leading European coffee processor.

The problem, processors say, is the export quota system of the international Coffee Organisation (ICO), a group of 50 coffee producing countries and 24 consumer nations which seek to stabilise prices.

"Producers' export quotas haven't changed much since the agreement was found over 20 years ago, but consumer tastes have," a London coffee dealer said.

"There is no doubt at all we cannot supply what consumers demand because of the present

coffee market shares," said Fritz Du Bois, Peru's ICO delegate.

In Peru around 250,000 people depend on coffee, but if we cannot sell our coffee to the best markets growers will eventually cut production," he said.

## Negotiations

But renegotiating quotas will be difficult.

"For debt-laden coffee producers giving up some of their quota is like giving away foreign exchange," said one London dealer.

Brazil, the Third World's biggest coffee producer, is also the world's largest coffee producer. And it has strenuously resisted any attempt to cut its coffee quota.

With no changes in prospect, coffee roasters — the firms which process coffee — will pay 50 cents a pound more for the so-called 'mild' beans from East Africa, Colombia and Central America which are used in the increasingly popular aromatic blends.

The price of the now less fashionable 'robusta' beans from West Africa and Asia is now about 85 cents a pound.

"Historically the difference in price is very high indeed," a London coffee dealer said.

John Schluter, managing director of London Coffee Dealers Edm. Schluter and Co

Ltd said demand for mild beans has grown dramatically over the last five years.

And that is rekindling what had been a stagnating world market for all coffees, he said.

"Coffee is brewed so weak in the US most people have forgotten what it really tastes like, but some consumers are rediscovering it," said one London dealer.

That is why US coffee firms say they are trying to nurture a new gourmet market for coffee from the blue mountains of Jamaica or remote valleys of Guatemala.

"Sales of these special yuppie coffees in the US have seen phenomenal growth of around 15 per cent a year," said Neil Rosser, of the London-based commodity analysts Landell Mills.

In continental Europe people are also using more mild beans — even the French, who traditionally like strong bitter coffee are moving towards blends with a more aromatic taste, traders said.

In Britain, instant coffee dominates the market — although tea is even more popular. But dealers said a trend towards drinking more ground coffee without milk means consumers are starting to look for finer qualities.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 15, (Reuters): The share market clawed its way back to a firmer close for the first time in three days, although brokers said trading was fairly lacklustre. The All Ordinaries index rose 6.3 to 1,622.5.

TOKYO: Prices closed down after a day of wide fluctuations as investors initially tried to shrug off concerns ahead of the release of US May trade figures. The Nikkei index fell 170.29 to 27,913.79.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed off the day's lows because of short-covering by institutional investors ahead of the May trade figures. The Hang Seng index fell 12.26 to 2,740.70.

SINGAPORE: Stocks closed higher after the board on continued speculative buying and bargain-hunting in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 12.54 to 1,130.96.

BOMBAY: Shares closed mixed in poor trading hit by end-of-account considerations, with state-owned financial institutions the only buyers. Associated Cement dropped Rs 4.5 to Rs 218 and Tata Steel 7.5 to Rs 770.

FRANKFURT: Prices ended a quiet bourse with modest net gains. The Dax 30-share index rose 4.19 to 1,191.40.

ZURICH: Prices closed little changed in fairly quiet trading, with most investors staying on the sidelines before the US trade data. The Swiss index rose 0.9 to 887.

PARIS: Prices started the floor session firmer in very thin trading, with many operators taking a long weekend after the Bastille Day holiday.

LONDON: Share prices were mostly easier in late trading but above the lows earlier in the session, as buying for the new account boosted sentiment. At 1430 GMT, the FTSE 100 was down 6.2 at 1,857.1.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks turned slightly lower in mid-morning amid weak bond prices and despite a strong dollar. The market had opened firmer on a slightly smaller than expected May trade deficit. The Dow was down four at 2,110.

## Trade between US and Canada

## Tariffs and barriers to be removed

WASHINGTON, July 15, (UPI): Key House and Senate committees unanimously approved a bill yesterday that sets in motion the elimination of tariffs and the reduction of other trade barriers between the United States and Canada.

"We can set an example for the entire world of what can be accomplished by free trade," said Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and newly named Democratic vice-presidential candidate. Republican Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon called the agreement "infinitely more important" than the bigger trade reform bill before Congress, and warned that, "if we don't pass (the US-Canada agreement) this year, it won't pass next year."

The panel then adopted by unanimous voice vote the legislation to liberalise trade between the world's largest trading partners. The United States and Canada exchanged \$150 billion in goods and services in 1986.

Shortly afterwards, the House Ways and Means Committee also unanimously approved the

identical bill by voice vote.

The US-Canada free trade agreement, initiated by President Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney three years ago and formally signed in January, calls for eliminating tariffs between the two countries over the next 10 years.

## Increased

It would also facilitate increased bilateral trade in services such as banking and insurance, liberalise rules for investment, eliminate most import and export quotas, provide for shared energy access, and establish a timely bilateral dispute settlement procedure.

Under a special "fast track" procedure, the legislation cannot be altered once the administration sends it to Congress. Yesterday's action constitutes a pre-approval of the implementing legislation that the White House will formally submit to Congress within a few weeks. The House and Senate will have 90 legislative days to approve or reject it.

It also must be approved by the Canadian parliament before taking effect next January.

## KD deposit rates ease

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates eased on Thursday from Wednesday's highs but were little changed from opening levels in quiet trade.

Liquidity remained high on past dollar sales and the absence of new Treasury bills. Dealers do not expect new Treasury bill issues until next month, and even then only to roll over existing ones.

Renewed dollar strength appeared to have little effect on the short dates, with overnight offered at one per cent with no bids and tomorrow-next deals at two per cent. Spot-next was put at three, two per cent and the one-week at five, 4-1/2 per cent after the Central Bank offered to pay 4-5/8 per cent.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate softened to 0.2821/21 to the dollar from Wednesday's 0.28187/97, with commercial banks quoting spot rates of around 0.28209/14.

The fixed periods, which shot up in early Wednesday trading, were little changed from Wednesday's close. The one-month was put at six, 5-3/4 per cent,

two-month at 6-1/4, six per cent, three-month at 6-1/2, 1/8 per cent and six-month at 6-5/8, 1/4 per cent.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi rial interbank deposits firmed in a tight market on Thursday amid heightened demand ahead of a July 18 settlement date for a 1.5 billion rial (\$400 million) government bond issue and the Muslim haj pilgrimage holiday.

Short-dated funds surged by up to two percentage points in hectic trade while fixed period funds were marked up by 1/8 to 1/4 point. Long-term maturities were generally quiet but dealers reported forward deals for one to six-month deposits as banks took out new positions.

Banks continued to sell dollars, following the Saudi finance minister's statement on Sunday ruling out a rival devaluation.

But dealers said the influx of liquidity was unable to meet demand for rials, which always rises following the arrival of hundreds of thousands of Muslim pilgrims for the annual pilgrimage to Makkah.

## Mexican opposition surge could affect economic strategy

MEXICO CITY, July 15, (Reuters): The surge of support for opposition candidates in Mexico's hard-fought presidential elections could hamper the ruling party's ambitious economic modernisation plan, economic and political analysts say.

Carlos Salinas De Gortari, declared victor on Wednesday with 50.36 per cent of the vote, has been a principal architect of the modernisation plan, opening its markets to foreign competition and privatising state firms.

## Campaigned

But the 31 per cent won by Cuauhtemec Cardenas, who campaigned on a nationalistic platform, has sent a strong message to ruling party leadership that the plan does not have the

country's full support.

Several planks in the plan have irked the powerful unions, including wage and price freezes and the proposed privatisation of state companies including the telecommunications company and a copper mine valued at \$910 million.

In his first public statement since the result, Salinas on Thursday confirmed that modernisation would be a main goal, saying at party headquarters he would "firmly apply the programme of change and modernisation I promised in the campaign."

Opposition candidates yesterday continued to claim the vote was rigged, even though Salinas' vote was the lowest ever by a presidential candidate of the Ins-

titutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which has ruled for 59 years.

Another possible victim of last week's election results could be Mexico's anti-inflation plan, an economic pact signed by government, business and unions that has lowered inflation from 15.5 per cent in January to two per cent last month.

## Failed

"The pact has failed in the last few weeks and if this continues it will have to be changed," Fidel Velasquez, head of the powerful Mexican Workers Confederation (CTM) said, according to the state news agency Notimex.

Salinas' initial challenge will be to unite his party. The defeat of union candidates has been

taken bitterly by the CTM, a pillar of both the PRI and the economic pact.

Velasquez has called an extraordinary CTM council meeting for August 29, which is expected to discuss the elections and union strategy in the Salinas government.

Salinas has promised to privatise Telmex, the state telecommunications company, but the union is resisting and the new president may have difficulty pursuing this and other state company sales when he takes over in December.

Salinas assured Mexican oil workers earlier this week that the 50-year-old state oil company Pemex would remain firmly under state ownership.

The new president will also be under pressure from the additional opposition presence, which has risen dramatically to 51 directly elected Chamber of Deputies seats from eight.

Depending on a final allocation of 200 seats by proportional representation in an expanded 500-seat chamber, due in the next few days, the PRI could come close to losing its majority. In the 64-member Senate, it has lost four seats to the opposition.

Cardenas' strong showing prompted some speculation he will force Salinas into a harder line on Mexico's \$100-billion debt and stricter controls on foreign investment, but this will depend on his ability to mould a coherent opposition party.

## GOVERNMENT TENDERS

THE tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. M/SH/44-88/89  
Tender's Internal No. 984/89  
Concerned party: Ministry of Information

Requirements: Expansion of broadcast (transmission) station (Short Wave) in Khab and adding four (500 K.V.) transmission appliances.  
Relevant fee: KD 100/- and free for tenders participated in Tender No. 23-87/88

Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value  
Closing date: 12 noon Tuesday 11.10.88

Tender No. M/K.B.S./5/88/89  
Tender's Internal No. 10/88  
Concerned party: Ministry of Information

Requirements: Supply of 1200-900-600 tapes (standard size) for Kuwait Broadcast.  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value  
Closing date: 12 noon Tuesday 30.8.88

Tender No. PT/30-88/89  
Tender's Internal No. 9/88  
Concerned party: Ministry of Education

Requirements: Security Works for the Ministry of Education buildings  
Relevant fee: KD 30/-  
Initial guarantee: KD 5000/-  
Closing date: 12 noon Sunday 31.7.88

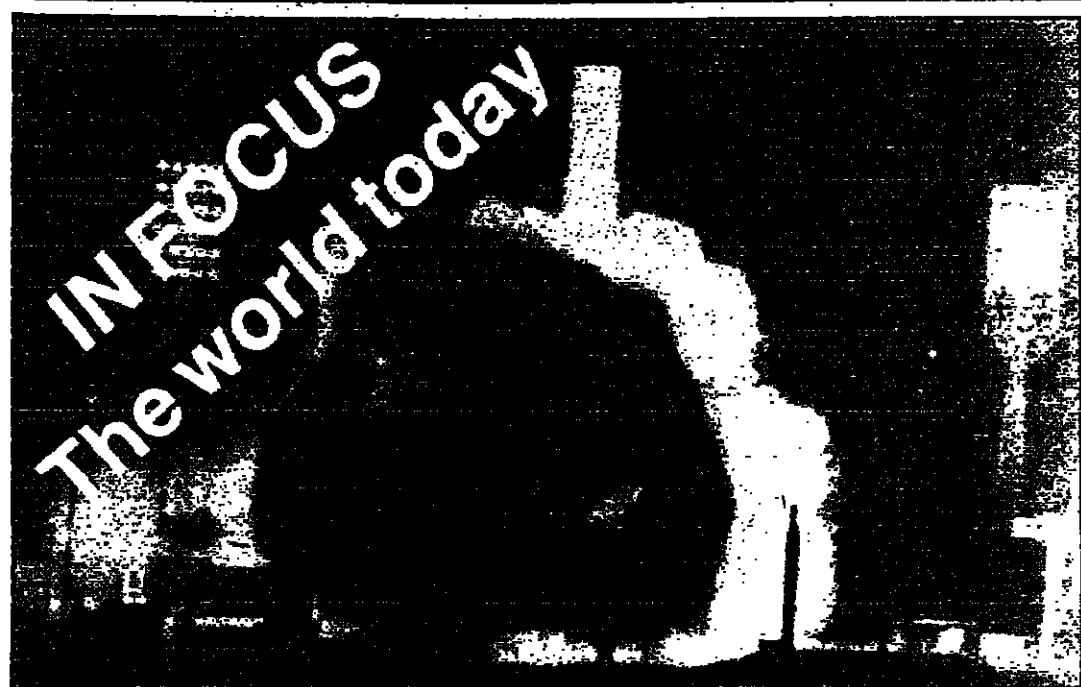
This tender is open for contractors specialised in guard works and having licence for such works.

Tender No. PT/31-88/89  
Tender's Internal No. 8/88  
Concerned party: Ministry of Education

Requirements: Supply of maps  
Relevant fee: KD 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value  
Closing date: 12 noon Sunday 14.8.88

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THE space probe Phobos-2 blasted off from Baikonur space centre in the Soviet Union as part of an unmanned mission to Mars which could lead to astronauts visiting the planet by the early part of the 21st century. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PALESTINIAN hijack suspect, Mohammad Rashid, was sentenced to seven months in jail by an Athens court. He is wanted by the US for a bomb attack on a Pan American airlines plane in 1982. (Reuter wirephoto)



SWEDISH film director Ingmar Bergman (right) wears a flower-hat during celebrations for his 70th birthday on the Baltic island of Faro on Thursday. To his right is his wife Ingrid. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Duke and Duchess of Kent are presented to the Turkish President Kenan Evren before a dinner at Claridges Hotel, London. (Reuter wirephoto).



POPE JOHN PAUL II walks on a bridge over a mountain stream in Lorenzago di Cadore in Italy. (Reuter wirephoto)



STRICKEN families wade through water to move to a safer place after floods inundated their homes in eastern Bangladesh. (Reuter wirephoto)



MICHAEL JACKSON struts on stage during the first number of his first British appearance of his current tour. (Reuter wirephoto)



A BROWN bear, just like the Berlin's mascot, enjoys warm sunshine by splashing enthusiastically in his pool at the West Berlin Zoo. (Reuter wirephoto)



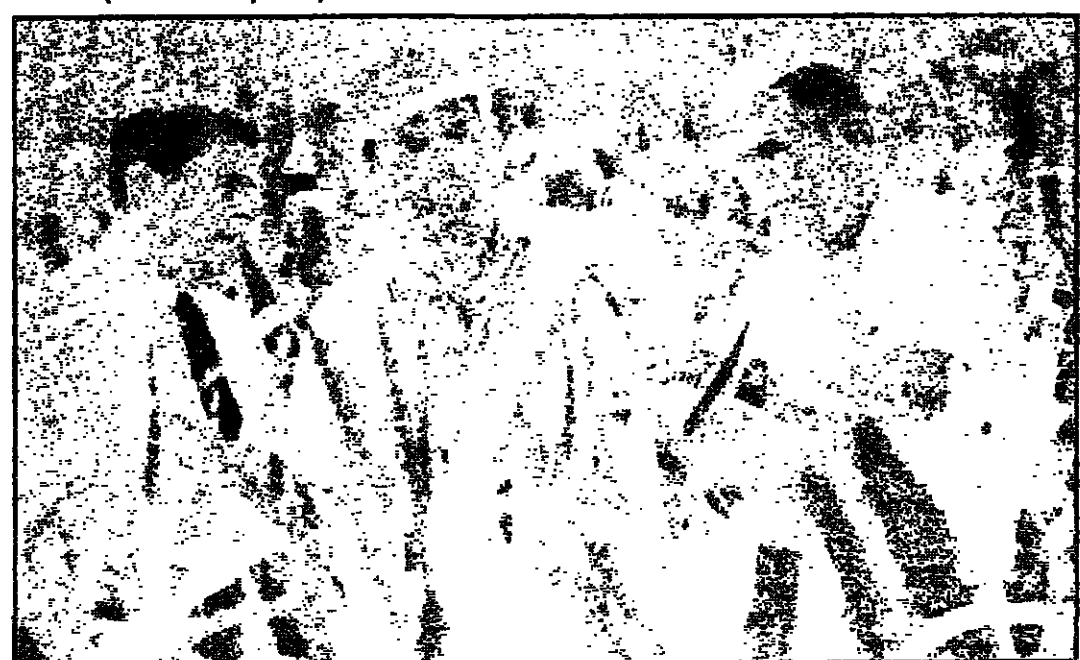
MEMBERS of the public watch Kathy Brundler (top right) with a Port Jackson shark in the world's biggest aquarium, from an ocean-floor view of sea life under a transparent tunnel. (Reuter wirephoto)



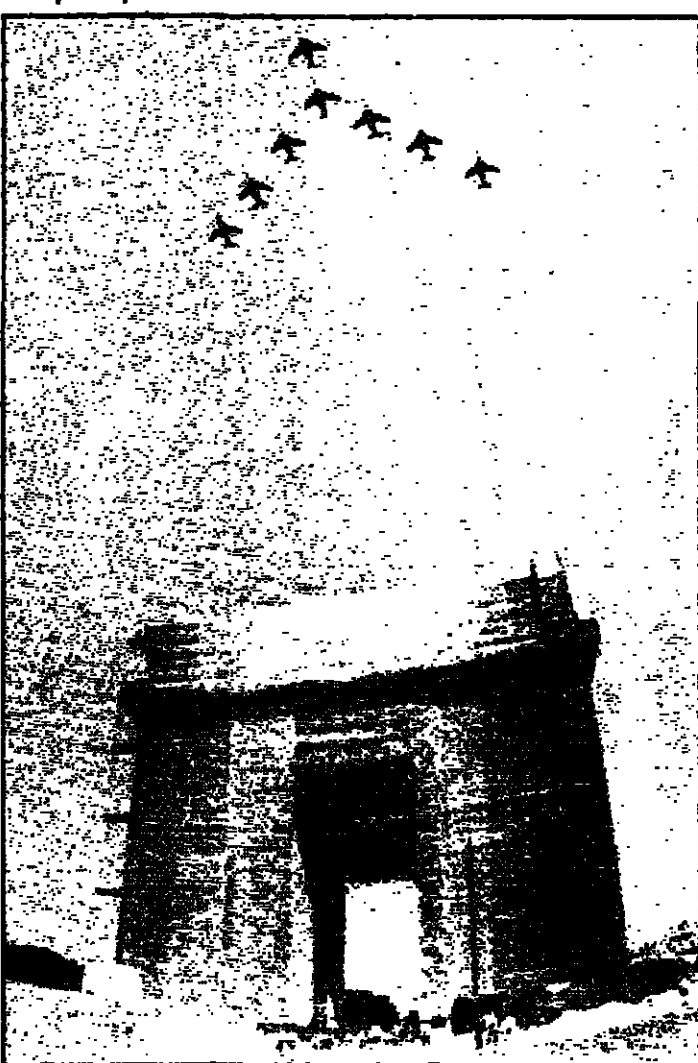
ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Chris Marshall of Panorama City, California, is embraced by his mother after he touched down at Paris' Le Bourget Airport after completing a trans-Atlantic flight retracing the Lindbergh route. (Reuter wirephoto)



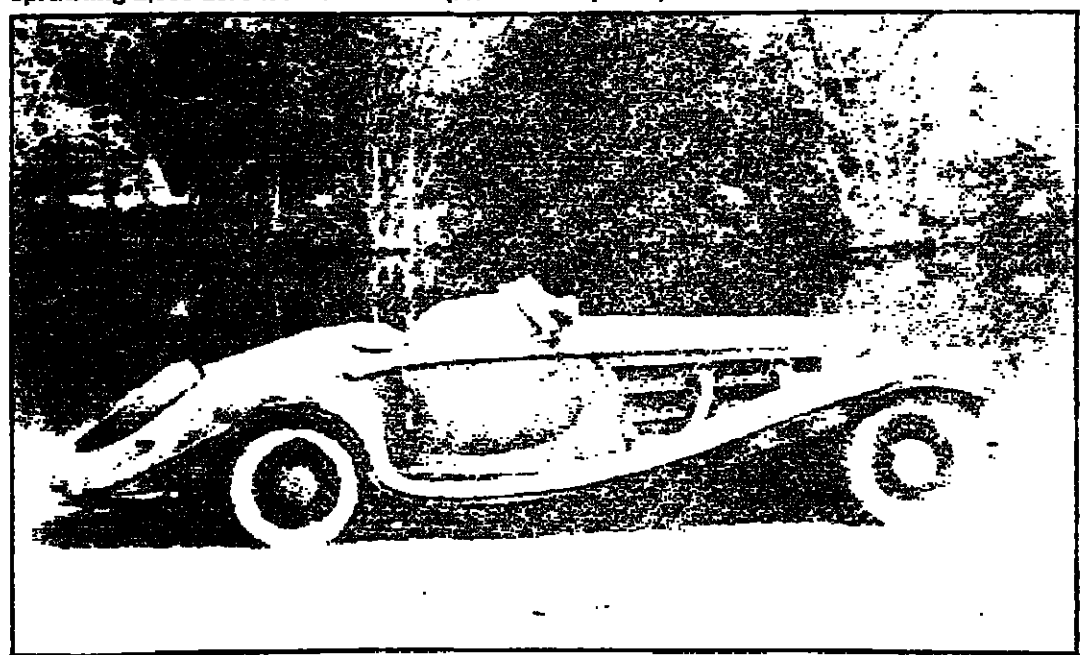
MARLON WHITEASLE, 14, does a rain dance at the Water Tower as a group of Winnebago Indian ceremonial dancers from Wisconsin Dells entertain passers-by. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT REAGAN (left), looks over some drought-stunted corn while on tour of a sprawling 2,500 acre farm in Illinois. (Reuter wirephoto)



JETS trailing red, white and blue smoke, streak Paris' Arc de Triomphe during the annual Bastille Day military parade. (Reuter wirephoto)



A 1936 Mercedes-Benz that had stood in a garage in Beaulieu, England, for 30 years was sold for a staggering £1.6 million (\$2.7 million) at a Christie's auction. (Reuter wirephoto)



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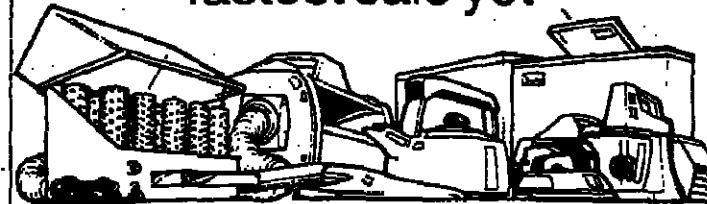
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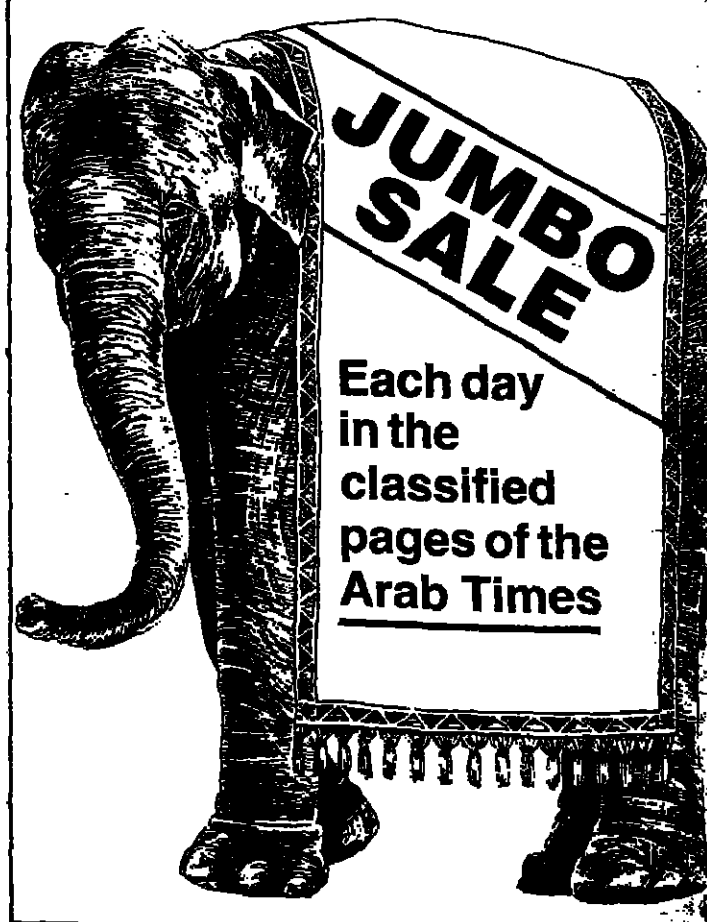
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## SPORTS

## Gardner aims for third straight win

RUEKA, Yugoslavia, July 15. (Reuters) World 500cc motorcycle champion Wayne Gardner needs a third successive Grand Prix win on Sunday if he is to continue his challenge to American rival Eddie Lawson.

"Although I'm still 34 points behind Eddie Lawson in the championship I aim to push him all the way by winning the remaining Grand Prix," the Australian Honda rider said.

Gardner, 28, won the Yugoslav Grand Prix on the Grobnik track near here last season but he will also carry the memory of two crashes into this year's race.

"I won the race at Rijeka last year but have also crashed here on my last two appearances," Gardner said. "The track requires a great deal of rider technique. This time I will be more relaxed and I'm confident of making it three wins in a row."

After a low-key start to the season, Gardner, victorious seven times last year, had his first race win only three weeks ago in the Netherlands.

**Pulled** He demonstrated his form again by winning in Belgium a week later but by that time Lawson, world champion in 1984 and 1986, had pulled well ahead in the standings thanks to four wins and five other top-four finishes.

Lawson leads Gardner by 159 points to 125 with seven races to go, and needs only to maintain his steady course to clinch his third world title.

In the 80 cc class, Spaniard Jorge Martinez who has won four of the five races so far, could secure the title on Sunday. Martinez also leads the 125 cc standings and hopes to become double world champion.

The fight for the 250cc title is still wide open with Spaniard Alfonso "Sito" Pons leading his compatriot Juan Garriga by just one point.

## RUGBY

## Flyhalf Lynagh pulls out of second Test

BRISBANE, July 15. (Reuters) Australian coach Bob Dwyer's radical plan to punch holes in the New Zealand backline was wrecked today when flyhalf Michael Lynagh pulled out of tomorrow's second rugby union Test with a pulled thigh muscle.

Fullback Andrew Lee, surprisingly dropped after his brave performance in the 32-7 first Test defeat, returns to the side to take over Lynagh's goal-kicking duties, pushing David Campese back to his usual position on the left wing.

The rest of the three-quarter line all move in one position with James Grant partnering Michael Cook in the centre and Lloyd Walker, the 28-year-old Aborigine making his Test debut, taking over at flyhalf.

**Missed** Michael Jones passed a late fitness test and will team up with Alan Whetton at flank forward for the All Blacks. Jones missed the first Test because of his religious beliefs prevent him playing on a Sunday.

Tim Gavin takes over from flu-stricken Julian Gardner at number eight in an Australian pack which should be quicker to the breakdown thanks to the inclusion of terrier wing forward Jeff Miller.

## GATTING OPTS OUT OF HEADINGLEY MATCH

## Cowdrey to lead England in Tests

LONDON, July 15. (Reuters) Chris Cowdrey, the Kent captain and all-rounder, is to lead England in the last two Tests of the five-match series against West Indies.

England's selectors ended a week of indecision by announcing Cowdrey's appointment yesterday, and he begins the task of trying to revive his country's ailing fortunes in the fourth cricket Test at Headingley, Leeds, starting on Thursday.

Cowdrey, the 30-year-old son of former England skipper Colin Cowdrey, becomes England's third captain, this season after Mike Gatting and his Middlesex team-mate John Emburey.

**Performances** Peter May, the chairman of selectors and Chris Cowdrey's godfather said: "Our performances in the series to date have been very disappointing, but we believe Chris Cowdrey's style of leadership is what is now required. The selectors have been impressed with the qualities Cowdrey has shown with Kent this summer."

Gatting was sacked after the first Test for "behaving irresponsibly" off the field, while off-spinner Emburey led the side in the second and third Tests which West Indies won to lead 2-0 in the series.

May and his fellow selectors have left their options open by not naming Cowdrey for England's only Test against Sri Lanka, at Lord's at the end of the season. That is the time they will be considering who should lead the touring team to India later in the year.

Cowdrey's Test experience is limited to five matches in the 1984-85 series in India, scoring 96 runs at an average of 19.20 and taking four wickets at an average of 72, but England feel it is his leadership qualities that can serve them best in their current crisis.

The Kent skipper has guided his moderate county side to the top of the championship table with seven wins in his last eight games, though Viv Richards' buoyant West Indies will confront him with the harsher realities of cricket life.

Cowdrey has tackled the Kent captaincy with drive and enthusiasm since being appointed in 1985, while he has bowled his medium-pacers usefully, batted resolutely and been an inspirational fieldsmen.

His father captained England 27 times during his 114 Test appearances, but Colin and Chris Cowdrey are not the first father and son to lead England—Freddie Mann (against South Africa 1922) and George Mann (against South Africa 1948 and New Zealand 1949) were similar father-son captains.

Cowdrey will meet the rest of the selectors tomorrow to choose the team for the Leeds Test, for which there may be several other changes after the resounding defeats at Lord's and Old Trafford.

Gatting has already ruled himself out because, for the second time in the series, he does not feel "in the right frame of mind," for Test cricket. He opted out of the

second Test on similar grounds. Graham Gooch, who might have been considered for the England captaincy, confirmed yesterday that he would be unavailable for England's tour to India.

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ironically the second captain to be sacked was Cowdrey's father Colin — and one of the men to show him the door was May, then in his first term as a selector.

Cowdrey junior said: "Twenty years ago, Peter used to give me 10 shillings and pound notes as presents. Now he has given me the greatest present of all."

"My father has not been too well lately and my appointment will come as a big boost to him. If he wants to give me advice I will be taking all he can offer."

Cowdrey is seen as the type of inspirational leader to end a dismal England run of 16 Tests without a victory.

He said: "There is certainly no crisis and I see no reason why we cannot square the series."

"This is the best time to come into the team, especially at Headingley, where there is always a chance of getting a result."

"But obviously England will have to play to the best of their ability and that is all a captain can ask for. Most of the media have written off, but we will be giving it a go."

"I have been fortunate to be in the right place at the right time with Kent doing so well. It has obviously helped. I'm delighted to be given two Tests, but I know I am on trial."

"I believe I'm a better player than when I played in five Tests on the Indian tour in 1984/85. My confidence has increased since I became the Kent captain. But whatever I do is secondary to how well the team does."

Cowdrey will take over the

problem number six spot, which has become almost impossible to fill adequately since Ian Botham dropped out of the side.

He could not match up to the task when he toured India as Botham's replacement, making a top score of 38 and taking just four wickets in the five-match series.

The selectors were criticised for taking so long to name a successor to Emburey, who took over from Gatting after the drawn first Test and suffered heavy defeats in the second and third Tests.

The delay, according to a number of reports, was because the selectors were sounding out Gooch. But England manager Micky Stewart insisted the job was never offered to Gooch.

**Intention** Stewart said: "I don't know what all the fuss was about, everything went to plan. We had no intention of naming the captain any earlier. We had only one meeting which lasted two hours and a brief, informal one at the weekend."

"Cowdrey, we feel, is the right person to have at this time. He will take over the all-rounder's role, a job linked to the captaincy. Chris is averaging 40 with the bat, has taken 31 championship wickets and is an excellent all-round fielder."

But the selectors have left their options open for the solitary Test against Sri Lanka at the end of August by which time they will have had the opportunity to assess Cowdrey's potential as a long-term England captain.

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## Lamb slams fastest century of season

LONDON, July 15. (Reuters) England batsman Allan Lamb hit the fastest century of the English county cricket season yesterday when he slammed 100 off only 86 balls for Northamptonshire against Gloucestershire.

Lamb's 117 on the second day of the three-day match included 20 boundaries after he reached his half century in 65 minutes with 11 fours.

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less 96 for Leicestershire against Lancashire at Old Trafford.

Gower clipped 13 boundaries before falling when he swept left-arm spinner Ian Foley straight to long leg.

When rain stopped play, Leicestershire were 173 for six in reply to Lancashire's first innings 304 for eight declared.

**Scores** At Edgbaston: Worcestershire 130 in 62 overs. Warwickshire 16 for no wicket, no play yesterday — rain.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 60 for three when rain stopped play v Middlesex in match reduced to one innings each.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 304 for eight declared in 107 overs (M. Watkinson 85 not out, P. Such four for 81). Leicestershire 173 for six in 56 overs (D. Gower 96, P. Willey 40) when rain stopped play.

At Guildford: Surrey 301 for two declared in 77 overs (D. Smith 157 not out, A. Stewart 72, M. Lynch 48 not out). Hampshire 125 for four in 46 overs (M. Nicholas 57 not out).

At Southend: Derbyshire 336 in 118 overs (N. Foster six for 96) and 55 for three. Essex 300 for five declared in 79.5 overs (A. Border 85 not out, G. Gooch 53, N. Hussain 47).

At Bristol: Northamptonshire 347 for five in 79.2 overs (W. Larkins 134, A. Lamb 117) v Gloucestershire — bad light stopped play.

## McNeil tames Frazier

NEWPORT, R.I., July 15. (Reuters) Second seed Lori McNeil calmly served and volleyed her way into the quarter-finals of the \$200,000 Newport tennis tournament with a 6-3 6-4 victory over fellow American Amy Frazier yesterday.

McNeil, ranked ninth in the world, controlled the pace on the grass courts of the Newport casino against the 15-year-old baseliner and repeatedly attacked Frazier's weak second serve with great success.

**Casualty** McNeil next faces unseeded American Ann Henricksson, who on Wednesday upset sixth seed Gigi Fernandez of Puerto Rico.

Gretchen Magers was the seeded casualty of the day. The seventh-seeded American was upset by compatriot Lea Antonopolis, who won only her fourth match of the year.

Antonopolis, ranked 99 spots below Magers, simply wore down the seventh seed 6-4 6-7 6-3 in the nearly three-hour match.

Wendy White, who upset eighth seed Wendy Turnbull of Australia in the first round, also reached the quarterfinals with a 6-3 6-6 win over fellow American Carol Christian. White next must face top seed Pam Shriver of the US.

Antonopolis, 151 in the world, captured the first set on two service breaks but could not break Magers' strong delivery in the second set, which stayed on serve until the tiebreak.

Magers played aggressively and never trailed in winning the tiebreak 7-5 on her third set point, but she struggled with the excessive underspin that Antonopolis used in the final set.

Antonopolis clinched the upset by capturing Magers' serve on two drop shots in the eighth game of the third set.

## Montreal edge past Cincinnati

NEW YORK, July 15. (AP) The Montreal Expos are so hot they can turn strikeouts into runs.

Through nine innings last night, the Expos and Cincinnati Reds were in a scoreless tie. Montreal's Rex Hudler led off the 10th against Reds starter Danny Jackson, who had stopped the Expos on five hits, and apparently struck out when he swung at a slider and missed.

But the ball got past catcher Jeff Reed and Hudler reached first. Luis Rivera connected on the next pitch for a triple to right-center and the Expos won 1-0 for the eighth straight victory.

"He (Jackson) had been throwing me that slider all night and I figured it would be tough to catch," said Hudler, 0-for-3 with a strikeout in his previous at-bats. "I swung, but I saw it roll away from the catcher and I took off."

The rally lifted the Expos' record in extra-inning games this season to 13-4. Jeff Parretti, 10-2,

was the winner, and has three victories in the Expos' eight-game streak.

**Dodgers 1, Cubs 0**

**Dodgers 8, Cubs 3**

Tim Lary pitched seven scoreless innings in the opener and Kirk Gibson had his first two-homer game in the National League in the second game as Los Angeles swept a doubleheader at Chicago. The first-place Dodgers increased their lead in the NL West to four games.

**Pirates 9, Giants 2**

Brian Fisher pitched 3 1/3 shutout innings in relief of the injured John Smiley and Darnell Coles and Andy van Slyke drove in four runs each as Pittsburgh won a season-high sixth straight game.

**Astros 7, Phillies 5**

Rafael Ramirez lined a one-out single in the top of the ninth inning to score Billy Hatcher as Houston won its fourth straight game. Juan Agosto, 7-0, worked

two innings. Dave Smith worked the ninth to earn his 15th save.

**Mets 9, Braves 8**

Kevin McReynolds drove in four runs with five hits and Darryl Strawberry scored the winning run on Atlanta left fielder Ken Griffey's fielding error in the top of the 11th as New York snapped a three-game losing streak. Terry Leach, 3-1, the fourth of five Mets pitchers, worked one scoreless inning. Randy Myers pitched the 11th for his 14th save.

**Standings**

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Pittsburgh 46 41 529 3 1/2  
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Los Angeles 50 36 581 —  
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Houston 45 43 511 6  
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Atlanta 30 55 353 19 1/2

**Yesterday's games:**  
Los Angeles 1, Chicago 0, 1st game. Los Angeles 6, Chicago 3, 2nd game. Montreal 1, Cincinnati 0, 10 innings. Pittsburgh 9, San Francisco 2, Houston 7, Philadelphia 1, New York 9, Atlanta 8, 11 innings. San Diego 3, St. Louis 1.

**West Division**

Oakland 54 35 607 —  
Minnesota 48 39 552 5  
Kansas City 46 41 529 7  
California 42 46 477 11 1/2  
Chicago 41 47 466 12 1/2  
Texas 40 47 460 13  
Seattle 35 53 398 18 1/2

**Yesterday's games:**  
Baltimore 7, Minnesota 1, 1st game. Milwaukee 8, Baltimore 2, 2nd game. New York 7, Chicago 5, Kansas City at Boston, p.p.d., rain Milwaukee 6, Texas 2, Seattle 3, Cleveland 1, California 2, Detroit 0, Toronto 7, Oakland 1.

## Irish team out of Olympics

DUBLIN, July 15. (Reuters) Ireland, hit by fund-raising problems and the sale of a star horse, has decided not to send a show jumping team to the Seoul Olympics.

The decision by the Irish Show Jumping Association angered rider Paul Darragh who told reporters: "I've put two horses at the disposal of the selectors for the whole of the season and then I get kicked in the teeth."

Only 10 per cent of the funds had been raised for sending a five-man team, which would have included leading international riders like Eddie Macken and Gerry Mullins.

## Bubka fails in world record bid

BARCELONA, Spain, July 15. (Reuters) Soviet pole-vaulter Sergei Bubka tried to break his world record for the fifth successive time but failed to find form at an athletics meeting in Barcelona on Wednesday.

Bubka had voiced confidence in being able to clear 6.20 metres if he was driven on by fiercer competition but failed at the 6.07 mark.

He has continually broken his own record since setting 5.94 metres in 1984. In Nice on Sunday he cleared 6.06.

It took him three attempts to clear 5.90 after one jump at 5.70.

Miroslaw Chmara of Poland took second place with 5.80.

Ankle trouble held world high-jump champion Patrick Sjoeborg back to fifth place as he failed to clear 2.28 metres. The Swede, who holds the record at 2.42 metres and who has had a good season so far this year, managed only 2.20.

The winner was Rudolf Povarnitsyn followed by Gennady Adevken, also of the Soviet Union. Both cleared 2.34 metres.

Kenya had a field day in the track events, winning the 800 metres, the mile and the 3,000-metre steeplechase.

But Kenyan John N'Gugi had to settle for second place in the 5,000 metres to Briton Geoff Turnbull who won in 13 minutes 34.90 seconds.

Kenya had a 1-2-3 triumph in the 800-metres. Nixon Kiprotich sprinted past Paul Ereng, who enjoyed a brief 200-metre lead, to win in 45.61 seconds. Stephen Marai was two metres behind in third place.

Joseph Cheshire hung back in the mile, but surged past fellow Kenyan Wilfred Kirochi in the last lap to win in three minutes 58.18 seconds.

## Lewis feels he can break 100m world record



Lewis: taking part in US Olympic trials

Lewis also hinted strongly that he would be his last Olympics.

"It would take some thick glasses to see it," Lewis told Reuters when asked whether he could see himself competing in the 1992 Olympics.

Lewis said he would decide next July whether to take a year off from athletics to pursue other events or leave the sport entirely.

"Track and field is not all of my life," said Lewis, who has a fledgling singing career.

He said he was still hopeful of competing in the same four events in Seoul that he won in the 1984 Games — 100 metres, 200 metres, long jump and 4x100 metres relay, but that no final decision had been made on the 200 metres.

The event poses a problem since the second round of the 200 metres comes just one hour before the long jump final.

"I would want at



## SPORTS

WORLD CHAMPIONS FAIL TO REACH GOLD CUP FINAL

## Australia crush Argentina

SYDNEY, July 15, (Reuters): Australia scored the most stunning victory in their history yesterday when they rounced world champions Argentina 4-1 to reach the final of the bicentennial Gold Cup tournament.

Captain Charlie Yankos sealed the Socceroos' victory with two goals, the first a curling 35-metre free kick to put Australia 2-1 ahead and the second a penalty in the 68th minute which brought a violent reaction from the Argentines.

Australian coach Frank Arok called the result the most important moment in the last decade for Australian soccer. "We never thought in our wildest dreams we'd score four against Argentina. Throughout the week we talked of scoring one, nothing more, and then we'd defend and defend," he said.

**Notice**  
"I'm not saying we're world beaters but we've made the world take notice. World champions don't give away four goals too often."

Australia will play Brazil in Sunday's final in Sydney. Argentina will play for third place against Saudi Arabia tomorrow in Canberra.

Australia started in perfect fashion with a goal in the fourth minute from midfielder Paul Wade after the Argentine defence failed to clear a series of incursions into their penalty



Bilardo: disappointed

area. Argentine captain Oscar Ruggeri levelled the scores in the 31st minute as the more experienced South Americans began to take control of midfield.

But Yankos put courage back into his side from a free kick in front of goal but a long way out. As the Argentine wall dithered, Yankos whacked the kick past surprised Argentine goalkeeper Luis Islas.

Argentina, fielding only two players who were in the 1986 World Cup winning side, continued to show nice ball skills but little invention in front of goal and Australia kept up the pressure in the second half by taking the direct route to goal, while

using the flanks to good advantage.

The match moved out of Argentina's reach when Australian forward Frank Farina, breaking free in the area, was pulled down by defender Oscar Garre.

The Argentine players were incensed but Yankos calmly converted the spot kick to put Australia 3-1 ahead.

The game threatened to turn ugly for five minutes with Sergio Batista and Ruggeri showing the mean side of Argentine soccer. At one stage police moved on to the pitch as a melee on the touchline looked like getting out of control.

In the space of five minutes referee Gary Power booked Batista, Ruggeri and Nestor Lorenzo.

The fourth goal, the best of the night, came with 10 minutes left when a move the length of the pitch saw Wade cross high and hard into the area for Vlado Boziovski to head home on his international debut.

**Teams:**  
Australia — Jeff Oliver, Wally Savor, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Graeme Jennings, Alan Davidson, Vlado Boziovski, Paul Wade, Frank Farina, Scott Ollerenshaw, Graham Arnold.  
Argentina — Luis Alberto, Islas, Oscar Ruggeri, Nestor Lorenzo, Sergio Batista (Pedro Monzon 86th min.), Jose Luis

Rodriguez, Hernan Diaz, Oscar Garre, Mario Lucca, Claudio Cabrera (Oscar Deruyra 62nd min.), Diego Simeone, Toribio Aquino.

**Standings**  
(tabulate under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Brazil	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Australia	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Argentina	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Saudi Arabia	3	0	1	2	3	9	1

**Remaining matches:** July 16 third-place playoff — Argentina v Saudi Arabia in Canberra, July 17 final — Australia v Brazil in Sydney.

Argentina's World Cup winning coach Carlos Bilardo said he was very disappointed in the performance of his team.

Brazil's coach Carlos Alberto Silva who watched the game said he was very impressed by Australia's display and that it was one of a very high calibre.

Argentine newspapers said Australia ridiculed the world champions with their 4-1 victory. "Catastrophic defeat," read a banner headline in the Buenos Aires evening newspaper La Razon on the match played at dawn, Argentine time.

"Australia ridiculed the Argentine national team," La Razon said.

"They made us jump like kangaroos," said Cronica, another Buenos Aires evening paper, after Argentina's shock defeat.



Kuwait's Hussein Zaid Al Makimly (2nd left) kicks the ball away from Syrian opponents. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Chelsea set to appeal over 'harsh' punishment

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): Chelsea look set to appeal against what their chairman Ken Bates called the "very harsh" punishment handed out by the English Football Association (FA) for crowd trouble at the London club's ground last May.

An FA disciplinary commission on Wednesday found Chelsea guilty of failing to take adequate precautions to control their fans at a play-off match against Middlesbrough. There were 102 arrests and injuries to 25 policemen.

Chelsea lost the game, were relegated, and Middlesbrough took their place in the First Division.

Apart from a £75,000 (\$126,750) fine, the heaviest imposed by FA, Chelsea were ordered to close the standings areas at their Stamford Bridge ground for the first six League and Cup matches next season.

During those six games access to the seating areas will be by ticket only — but none will be on sale on match days. No tickets will be available to visiting clubs.

**Consider**  
The FA have also recommended that Chelsea forge closer links with the police and local authorities.

Bates said: "We will consider the verdict and then decide on our next course of action. I will only say that I consider it a very harsh penalty and leave the public to judge what they think of it."

Chelsea's punishment underlines the mood of resolve in both English soccer and government circles to stamp out hooliganism at soccer matches.

Meanwhile free-spending Glasgow Rangers manager Graeme Souness has taken his outlay in two years to £7 million (\$11.8 million) with the signing of defender Gary Stevens from Everton.

Stevens signed for the Scottish Premier Division club for £1 million (\$1.68 million) last night.

In his two years as manager, Souness has negotiated more than 30 transfer deals, bringing in top players such as present and past England internationals Terry Butcher, Chris Woods, Trevor Francis and Ray Wilkins.

## Late goal gives Syria victory over Kuwait

AMMAN, Jordan, July 15, (AP): Syria defeated Kuwait 1-0 yesterday in the 5th Arab Soccer Trophy Championship.

Syrian striker Abdul Qader Kurdaghi scored after 84 minutes with a header from a corner pass by George Khoury.

Syria tied with Algeria 1-1 last Friday and defeated Bahrain 2-1 on Tuesday.

That day Kuwait lost to Algeria 1-0 but beat Jordan 1-0 on Sunday.

In an earlier game yesterday, Jordan beat Algeria 2-1.

Jordanian striker Nart Yadej scored after 63 minutes with a kick from a few yards from the net.

Algeria equalized with a goal by Lagrood Rashid after 73 minutes but less than a minute later Jordan scored again.

More than 15,000 jubilant fans waving Jordanian flags and chanting "Jordan is the greatest"

rushed out of Al Hussein sports city stadium after the match to celebrate the Jordanian victory.

"It's the greatest game I've ever watched," said one fan, 19-year-old Ibrahim Issa. "I'm very proud of our national team."

Later, several hundred fans drove around in vehicles, sounding their horns and chanting "Jordan is a winner. God is great."

Police cars followed to ensure there was no violence.

On Wednesday, Lebanon defeated Saudi Arabia 1-0.

Lebanese striker Ahmed Farhan scored after 80 minutes with a header passed by Issam Qubeishi.

Today Iraq beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 (half-time 2-0) in their Group One match. Ahmed Radi scored both the goals in the first half. The first in the 9th minute and second in the 23rd.

## Delgado retains lead in Tour de France race

VILLARD-DE-LANS, France, July 15, (Reuters): Pedro Delgado of Spain won the 13th stage of the Tour de France cycle race, a 38 km individual time trial from Grenoble to Villard-de-Lans, today in a time of one hour two minutes 24 seconds.

Jean-Francois Bernard of France was second and Steven Rooks of the Netherlands was third.

Delgado retained the race leader's yellow jersey.

Delgado took the leader's yellow jersey yesterday as race favourites fell by the wayside in an intensely punishing mountain stage, won by Steven Rooks of the Netherlands.

Yesterday's 227-km 12th stage from Morzine to L'Alpe d'Huez in the French Alps featured three exhausting climbs of more than 1,800 metres which shattered the hopes of almost all the "fancied riders."

Sean Kelly of Ireland, Eric Breukink of the Netherlands, Urs Zimmermann of Switzerland and American Andy Hampsten, the Giro d'Italia winner, were all left to reflect that they can no longer enter realistic hopes of becoming Tour de

France champion 1988 as each lost several minutes on Delgado.

Worse still for the public, who packed the route on the July 14 national holiday, all the French hopefuls — Jean-Francois Bernard, Charly Mottet and Ronan Penec — suffered a similar fate.

Despite Rooks' brilliant and surprising victory, the day belonged to Delgado, whose strength and cunning in the mountains have put him in a perfect position to claim the trophy in 10 days time.

He finished third behind another Dutchman Gert-Jan Theunisse, both 17 seconds after Rooks who clocked six hours 55 minutes 44 seconds.

Delgado, second to Stephen Roche of Ireland in last year's tour, took over the yellow jersey from Steve Bauer.

The 1983 and 1984 champion Laurent Fignon of France, who dropped to 91st on Wednesday after a disastrous ride, abandoned the unequal struggle by declining to start yesterday.

This time it wasn't my body which went, it was my head," he explained.

Kelly was depressed after his disastrous performance.

## Filippini stuns Nystrom in Swedish Open

BASTAD, Sweden, July 15, (Reuters): Uruguayan clay court specialist Marcelo Filippini unexpectedly beat defending champion and top seed Joakim Nystrom of Sweden 6-2 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the Swedish Open tennis championships today.

Filippini, apparently untroubled by a strong breeze, enjoyed a comfortable win as Nystrom struggled to find his length with his normally powerful backhand.

Filippini, seeded seventh and currently ranked 87th in the world, attacked from the start and seemed surprised at the apparent ease with which he outplayed Nystrom.

He said: "This is the best victory of my career. Everything went exactly as it should."

**Previous**  
Filippini has been a professional since 1986, but is playing on the major tournament circuit for the first time this year. His previous best performance was at Bologna in Italy earlier this year when he reached the quarter-finals.

Filippini meets Italy's unseeded Paolo Cane in tomorrow's semifinal. Cane had an easy 6-2 6-2 win over number 12 seed Fernando Luna of Spain.

Sweden's hopes now rest on Christian Bergstrom, who recovered to beat unseeded Czechoslovak Karel Novacek 1-6 6-2 6-3.

Bergstrom will meet unseeded Italian Francesco Cancellotti in the other semifinal. Cancellotti beat West German Udo Riglewski 6-3 6-1.

## AOF wants Cash to play in Games

SYDNEY, July 15, (Reuters): Australian Olympic officials will appeal to Pat Cash's patriotism in an attempt to persuade the former Wimbledon champion to play tennis for his country at the Seoul Olympics.

Kevan Gospar, President of the Australian Olympic Federation (AOF), said he was disappointed by Cash's decision to withdraw from the Australian team but hoped he might change his mind.

"He's dropped the ball on us but maybe it's not too late to pick it up again," Gospar said.

**Responsible**  
"Athletes are always responsible to themselves first but I believe great athletes are also responsible to other people. I respect his decision as a professional but the problem could escalate with other young professionals modelling themselves on him and turning away from the Olympic Games."

Cash on Tuesday cited family and playing commitments for his decision to pull out of the Australian team. His replacement Darren Cahill, Wally Masur and John Fitzgerald will now play singles and Fitzgerald and Cahill doubles.

## Breakaway League threat ends

MANCHESTER, England, July 15, (UPI): The threat of a breakaway of the top ten clubs in the English League ended Wednesday night, but the wrangling over who will screen soccer on television next season continued with the price going up and up.

The rebel ten, who had been offered a £32 million (\$56 million) deal for exclusive coverage by independent television, met for eight and a half hours at Manchester United's Old Trafford ground and then emerged to announce a new improved package for all 92 clubs.

**Operate**  
League president Philip Carter, who is also chairman of Everton club, one of the breakaway group, said: "We want to make it clear that at no time did we try to operate outside the football

League. We were always interested in what was best for football.

"Obviously we are sad about all the distress that has been caused but I think we will have it all agreed in the next few days."

"We have been selling the game very cheaply in recent years because of the BBC-independent television (the two biggest British TV networks) Cartel but now the monopoly has been broken people are bidding for our services and it's great to see football being of such value to television."

"Everytime we meet now with one or the other companies football seems to be worth very much more than it was six months ago. What we have to decide is what in total is the best deal for football."

Carter also revealed that ITV Wednesday improved on the BBC-BSB package offer which stood at just over £33 million

(\$57.75 million).

But the breakthrough is that ITV has now agreed to let in the remaining 82 clubs who have been ignored in their initial deal.

That move looks certain to prevent any further talk of a split and Carter said he was confident the League would remain intact.

"Now we have to report back to the sub-committees concerned and then circulate it to the clubs so they can discuss the details," Carter added.

Ironically, the new improved ITV offer was made after legal representatives of the BBC-BSB counter offer had agreed to lift their injunction, gained Tuesday night, to allow talks to go ahead.

Carter refused to go into details about the ITV offer, but said: "It is better than the new BBC-BSB offer and we think in the best interests of the game."

## McLean to stay at Dundee United

DUNDEE, Scotland, July 15, (Reuters): Jim McLean today decided to stay as manager of Dundee United — a week after resigning in protest at being fined £4,000 (\$6,800) and banned from the touchline dug-out for three years.

The punishment handed out by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) followed a touchline dispute by McLean, United's manager for 17 years, and Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller in April.

McLean said he had been told by his lawyer that he could fight the sentence from his manager's seat and that there was no need to quit.

The United boss said the fine would not be paid — a stance which is likely to bring him into further conflict with the SFA.

## UEFA reduces Michel's nine-match ban to three

GENEVA, July 15, (Reuters): Real Madrid midfielder Michel Gonzalez has had a nine-match ban reduced to three games.

The European Football Union's (UEFA) appeal board yesterday also reduced a three-match ban on Real's Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez to one match. A 75,000 Swiss francs (\$50,000) fine on Real for team misbehaviour was upheld.

Michel's suspension, which would have kept him out of Real's entire European Cup campaign next season, was for abusing Swiss referee Bruno Galler after the Spanish club's European Cup semifinal second leg tie at PSV Eindhoven in April.

Sanchez was banned for the

same offence.

The five-member board, chaired by Swiss Leon Strassle, heard evidence from Michel, Galler and Real Madrid officials in a 40-minute session. They reached their decision after a further one-and-a-half hours discussion.

The board said in a news release that while it considered the conduct of Michel towards the referee as "incorrect," his behaviour was not "extremely serious."

In upholding the 75,000 Swiss francs fine, the board said it viewed the attitude of several unidentified players who surrounded the three match officials after the final whistle as unacceptable. The club was held responsible for this.

## Price takes one-stroke lead over Ballesteros

LYTHAM ST ANNES, England, July 15, (Reuters): Nick Price of Zimbabwe snatched a one-shot lead over Spaniard Seve Ballesteros with a four-under-par 67 in the second round of the British Open golf championship today.

Playing in a gentle morning breeze, Price fashioned his fine round before Ballesteros had even started and then had to wait several hours before he was certain of holding the halfway advantage.

But Ballesteros, who shot a 67 in more difficult conditions yesterday, could only produce a level-par 71 in the second round and he needed a superb pitch out of a bunker at the final hole to secure that.

**Needed**  
But his shot was true and he made the three-foot putt he needed to stay within one shot of Price's total of 137.

Ballesteros, who birdied five of the first seven holes yesterday, found that form elusive today and had to wait until the sixth hole for his first birdie.

He bogeyed the third but birdied six and seven then had six more pars before dropping another shot at the 445-yard 14th, which he also bogeyed in the first round.

Price's golf is centred around the major events ever since he frittered away a three-shot lead at the 1982 Open at Troon to lose by one stroke to American Tom Watson.

"I had a golden lesson that week. After I had birdied the 10th, 11th and 12th in the final round, I just didn't think I could lose," he said. "I got ahead of myself. That's something I'm not going to do this week."

"If I ever forget that, I'd be a fool. But I was 25 at the time and how many golfers have a chance to win a major at 25? It taught me at least that I had the quality of game to win a major."

Price led by three strokes from defending champion Nick Faldo of Britain, who birdied four of the first six holes in a two-under-par 69, and American Craig Stadler, round in 68. Both were two under par.

American Andy Bean took 38 on the front but played the back nine in four-under-par 32, with one bogey and five birdies including birdie threes on the last two holes. His 36-hole total was 141, one under par.

Price, who won the World Series of Golf in 1983 for his biggest win on the US Tour, said the key to his second round was his solid putting.



Ballesteros: couldn't find Thursday's form

"I haven't missed anything I should have made," he said. "I'm reading the pace well on the long putts and getting them close. I think the longest second putt I've had has been three feet."

"When you are putting well

from 30 feet, it doesn't put a lot of pressure on you."

After five pars, he eagled the 490-yard sixth with a drive and seven iron to 35 feet, from where he made the putt.

He reached the green at the 549-yard seventh in two and two putts gave him another birdie. A third successive birdie at the next, from 15 feet, put him into the lead.

Price bogeyed the 198-yard 12th after what he called "my first really bad shot of the day". Torn between a two iron and a three iron, he opted for the longer club, finished short, pitched up to six feet and missed.

But he birdied the tough 463-yard 15th from 12 feet. Then after a poor three-iron second and a weak chip at the 18th, he holed from 20 feet to save his par.

"I lost concentration on the chip. I heard a radio and should have backed off. It was my fault," he said.

Price went on to explain more about his background. "My father was a bit of an adventurer and decided we should move from Durban to Rhodesia (later Zimbabwe) in 1959, when I was two. When I turned professional in 1978, there was no PGA in my country and I had to send off all my entries through South Africa."

"That's why I was listed as South African for so many years," he said.

Faldo, with whom Price bears an uncanny resemblance — they are often confused for one another — began with a rash of

birdies, including one from 35 feet at the fifth.

Then he dropped shots at the 14th and 17th holes. "The key for me is to get through those tough holes. The easy holes you have to birdie, the tough ones you have to par."

"I've been birdieing the right ones and bogeying the tough ones," he said.

US Open champion Curtis Strange improved to a two-under-par 69 today for a 148 total.

Strange, however, played the back nine at one under par after birdies at the 10th, 16th and 17th to go with bogeys at 12 and 18.

**Escape**  
At the last his drive found a divot mark — just as it did yesterday. "This one was much worse, large and filled with sand," he said. His escape went right, he pitched 12 feet past and could not hole the putt.

"I hope it doesn't cost me the cut," he said. "I play hard to make the cut. I don't like missing cuts. I want to be around the next two days."

US Masters champion Sandy Lyle returned a two-under-par 69, with three birdies and a bogey on the front nine and nine pars on the back. He was level par for two rounds.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Grand prix

STUTTGART, West Germany, July 15, (Reuters): Quarterfinal results at the \$350,000 Stuttgart men's grand prix tennis tournament today.

Andre Agassi (US) beat Jonas Svensson (Sweden) 7-5 6-1; Henri Leconte (France) beat Ronald Agener (Haiti) 6-3 6-4; Guillermo Perez-Roldan (Argentina) beat Thomas Muster (Austria) 6-2 7-5; Andre Gomez (Ecuador) beat Yannick Noah (France) 6-3 6-3.

## Boxers disqualified

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, July 15, (AP): Three candidates for the US Olympic boxing team were disqualified yesterday for testing positive for drugs. The boxers medically disqualified from the Olympic box-offs to be held tomorrow at Caesars Palace were Eric Griffin, 106 pounds, of Houston, Lavell Finger, 139, of St. Louis, and William Guthrie, 165, of St. Louis.

## Cricket match

SWANSEA, Wales, July 15, (UPI): Glamorgan and the West Indies drew their three-day cricket match here today. Scores: West Indies 302 for three declared and 67 for one. Glamorgan 180 for five declared.

## Soccer friendly

SANTANDER, Spain, July 15, (UPI): Spanish League soccer champions Real Madrid will host Everton of England next month in a friendly match to inaugurate a new stadium in the northern city of Santander.

## Seb Coe

LONDON, July 15, (UPI): Double Olympic 1,500 metres champion Seb Coe plans to be back in action next week after resting the muscle injury which forced him to drop out during Tuesday night's 1,500 metre race in Dublin.

## Rudi Voeller

ROME, July 15, (UPI): Summer rain and cold in his native West Germany have driven soccer international Rudi Voeller back to Rome early for pre-season training.

## Brazilian player

NEWCASTLE, England, July 15, (UPI): Brazilian soccer international Mirandinha has committed his immediate future to Newcastle United and aims to head the English League scoring standings in the upcoming season.

## Heavyweight fight

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, July 15, (AP): A promoter said final details are being worked out for a heavyweight fight July 28 between former world champion George Foreman and Tony Fuiliangi.

## Olympic champion

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 15, (Reuters): Olympic 800 metres men's champion Joaquim Cruz heads a record largest Brazilian team for this year's Seoul Olympics.

## US outclassed

NEW BRITAIN, Connecticut, July 15, (UPI): Americans received a sobering taste of world class soccer competition Wednesday when the fast-moving Poland team outclassed the less-experienced US Olympic squad 2-0.

## John Mortimore

LISBON, July 15, (Reuters): Former Benfica manager John Mortimore will return to Portugal next season after a year's absence to take over Belenenses, the Lisbon club said yesterday.

## Title fight

MEXICO CITY, July 15, (AP): World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman confirmed yesterday that Mexican champions Julio Cesar Chavez and Jose Luis Ramirez will fight to unify the lightweight crown.